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NEWSLETTER: 14th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

The third candle (pink) to be lit on our Advent Wreath represents Joy. It reminds us of the joy that is to come soon in the birth of Jesus. Think about how you can bring joy to the lives of others this coming week and year.



FANTASTIC RESULTS

We are really proud to be able to share some great news. Yesterday the Performance Tables for Leeds were released. HRSA is 10th overall in Leeds out of 261 schools for progress and 2nd out of all the Catholic Schools in the Diocese. Well done to our children for the fantastic results. It clearly reflects the very strong relationships between home and school.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Our target this year is 97.5%.

Well done to **Year 2** who are our attendance champions this week!

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	96.86%
Yr1	96.74%
Yr2	98.39%
Yr3	98.18%
Yr4	98.03%
Yr5	93.67%
Yr6	97.13%
Whole School	97.10%

PUNCTUALITY

Thank you to all those children who have been on time again all this week, extra team points for you!

Thought for the Week:

*Imagine with your mind.
Believe with your heart.
Achieve with your might.*

THIS WEEK'S WINNING TEAM IS: BLUE

Well done! Only 1 more week to Christmas and the final team totals for this term. Keep up the great efforts!

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following children who were awarded Leeds Cathedral Children's **HRSA Singer of the Week: Meley**
Well done to our Yr2 & 3 children who took part in the Leeds Children's Cathedral Choir Concert on Tuesday 11th December. They were fantastic! We look forward to their next performance in March 2019.

GOSPEL CHOIR – FIRST PERFORMANCE!

Our newly formed Gospel Choir took part in a Dementia Friendly Carol service at St Anne's Cathedral on Saturday 8th December. They sang and read beautifully! Everyone who attended commented on how much they enjoyed the concert.

CHAMPIONS DEFEND THEIR TITLE

Congratulations to Team HRSA who have made it through the next round of the Sportshall Indoor Athletics Competition. They had a resounding win, demonstrating both their talent and determination. As always they were an absolute credit to themselves and the school. A huge thank you to Miss Begley and Mr Esteves who have invested a huge amount of time in training the team. The next round will be in January 2019. Good luck!

Year of The Virtues

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER

Sun 16th Holy Rosary Church Carol Service, 4.00pm

Wed 19th EYFS & KS1 Nativity Plays, 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Thurs 20th Christmas Party Day for all classes

Final Celebration Assembly, 9.30am- Parents welcome.

Fri 21st HRSA Carol Service at 2.00pm

Mon 24th BBC Radio 4 Live Midnight Mass Broadcast, 11.30pm, Leeds Cathedral. Be a part of the congregation or listen at:

www.bbc.co.uk/radio4

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 24th December to Friday 4th January 2019. Children return to school on **Monday 7th September 2019.**

TOWN HALL EVENT

Our choirs took part in a performance at the Town Hall on Monday in traditional costumes and party wear. Again they were brilliant. The school has received really positive feedback and comments from many sources about the quality and professionalism of the children who took part. Well done!

YEAR 5 PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have attended the consultation evenings over the last two days. If you were unable to attend please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mr Price after the Christmas holidays.

THE NATIVITIES

The children and staff have worked incredibly hard this year to deliver first class performances. To ensure all children can take part in the performances the staff have offered to keep the children after school until the performances. We hope that all parents/carers will support this generous offer and will show their

support in their attendance at the performances. Tickets can be booked using our on-line system. Please contact the school office if you need any help.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

If your child was born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015 then they will be due to start Reception in September 2019.

The admissions deadline is 15th January 2019 and all applications must be done online at

<https://schoolsonlineservices.leeds.gov.uk/Enrol/Website/default.aspx>

School also requires you to fill in a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which can be found on our school website or by visiting Miss Lewis in the office. You will need to provide proof of Baptism for your child along with this form.

If you require any help with completing the online application system you can book an appointment with Miss Lewis who can help you with this.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

E. McDonagh-Smith

Head Teacher