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Dear Parents,

Things to celebrate so far this term:

British Ambassadors and School Council visit to the Mayoral Parlour – we were so very lucky to be invited to the Mayor's Parlour this term. Pupils from KS2 had the opportunity to see where the Mayor works, try on his robes, see the historical artefacts kept within the chambers and the very plush office. They also enjoyed the fantastic views from the top of the Civic Centre. They asked excellent questions and put the Mayor and Mayoress through their paces.

"An inspirational experience...a realisation of the Mayor's responsibilities." Grace C11

Anti-bullying week – Every November we have a curriculum focus of Anti-bullying. The theme this year was 'Choose Respect.' Each class engaged in age-appropriate learning on this issue, such as posters, poetry, etc. following the Anti-bullying alliance guidance.

"We learned not to judge others by the way that they look, their ability or how much money they have. We are all equal." Alex, C10.

Remembrance parade – The Liturgical leaders across KS2 did a marvellous job of representing the school in the Wolverhampton Remembrance Parade, which was held in memory of the centenary of the end of the First World War. Led by RAF officials and veterans, they took to the streets of Wolverhampton to walk in memory of those who are fallen. This culminated in a short service in St Peter's Square and a celebration in the church. Thank you to those parents who came along share in this experience.

"Survivors from the wars came together with the pupils of Wolverhampton to remember those who had died. It was an important thing to be a part of." Belle, C8



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Y4 visit to the German Market – yet again a brilliant visit where our pupils had the opportunity to put their German speaking skills into practice and developing their historical knowledge with the Staffordshire Hoard.



“I enjoyed seeing the different foods and German objects. One man taught us things we didn’t know about Germany.” Rose, C11

Y5/6 visit to the Old Rep theatre – Pupils enjoyed a creative performance of Collodi’s Pinocchio at the charming historical Old Rep theatre this month.



“The actors were all funny...I especially liked the blue fairy.” Charlie, C10

Fundraising – Thank you to all of you for your generosity in providing items for the Christmas fete and supporting the school discos and other Christmas events. These events will help us in our efforts to make improvements to the school that would not otherwise be afforded. The Christmas Fete alone raised £1130 profit! Thank you also for your continued charitable support for the British Legion, CAFOD and Children In Need – your generosity always impresses us and this year you have surpassed previous efforts. We will confirm the takings for CAFOD in the new year.

Many of you have provided donations for the homeless today. At the end of the school day a number of staff will travel over to The Good Shepherd and make these donations on your behalf. These will make a small but important difference to those less fortunate during this Christmas season.

Parishioners Christmas Meal – We welcomed 50 members of the parish to Christmas Dinner last Tuesday. The room was decorated a by the Y6 pupils as part of their Confirmation preparation as service to others and they hosted the event spectacularly.

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*"We had a wonderful time and were exceptionally well looked after by the children...
They are a credit to the school and their parents." Marlene.*

Liturgical events – the calendar has been busy with nativity performances and carol services. The attendance to these events has been excellent – thank you for making time in your busy schedules to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas as a school community.

"The pupils were a credit to the school... It was a pleasure to be part of St Anthony's community"
Kelly - parent attending the Army Reserves concert.

Christmas card competition – The winner of the Christmas Card this year was an entry from Year one. We had many fantastic entries – thank you to those who had to support this event. The winning card was sent to all of the local schools, Catholic schools and to our regular visitors. Well done to Tyler in Y1 for his excellent design.



Other news:

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Mrs Ashworth this week. Mrs Ashworth has worked with the school for many years and has provided excellent PE teaching to many children. She has also coached many pupils to achieve medals in the Wolverhampton gymnastics league. This is the second post that we have had to lose due to the budget cuts that the school has experienced. We are sorry to see her go and thank her for all that she has done for her pupils. She will be back to support the pupils in the gymnastics competition later next year and we are very grateful

Good news! Miss Bodura had her baby boy last Saturday. Both mom and baby are home and are doing well.

Reception applications – the deadline for online applications is midnight **15th January 2019**. Parents of Nursery pupils - please do not miss the deadline, ask if you need any support and make sure that you hand in a supplementary evidence form to the school office as well as completing the online application.

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Parent survey - The parent survey links have been sent out today. This survey closes on 28th December. Please take your time to share your views to help us improve our school together. The survey only takes approx. 2/3 minutes to complete – I thank you in anticipation.



Thank you all for the support that you have given to your children in their learning this year. I hope that you all have a happy and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Davis
(HEAD TEACHER)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the times for Masses over the Christmas Season. In particular, those of you who are preparing for the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation should make time to celebrate Mass with your children.

Advent and Christmas Services at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

- First Mass of Christmas – 6pm CHRISTMAS EVE
- The Night Mass of Christmas – 9pm CHRISTMAS EVE
- The Mass of Christmas Day – 10am CHRISTMAS MORNING

Friday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas. School closes at 2:10pm (including Nursery)
24 th December – 4 th January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 7 th January	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday 8 th January	Back to school
Friday 11 th January	Whole School Epiphany Mass 9:15am
Friday 11 th January	Blessing of the classrooms
Wednesday 16 th January	St Stephen’s/ St Cecilia Class Mass 9:15
Monday 21 st January	Reception children health checks this week
Tuesday 22 nd January	Y5/6 Choir pupils Young Voices
Thursday 24 th January	St Maximilian and St Mary Magdalene instrumental concert 9:15am
Friday 25 th January	St Veronica’s Assembly
Wednesday 30 th January	St Maximilian and St Mary Magdalene Class Mass 9:15
Friday 1 st February	St Francis’ assembly
Friday 8 th February	St Joseph’s assembly
Wednesday 13 th February	St Bernadette and St Patrick Class Mass 9:15am
Friday 15 th February	INSET DAY –SCHOOL CLOSED
18 th – 22 nd February	Half term holiday
25 th February	Back to school

Reminder: term dates

Autumn Term 2018

- **Term Time:** Monday 3 September 2018 - Friday 26 October 2018
- **Half Term:** Monday 29 October 2018 - Friday 2 November 2018
- **Term Time:** Monday 5 November 2018 - Friday 21 December 2018

Spring Term 2019

- **Term Time:** Monday 7 January 2019 - Friday 15 February 2019
- **Half Term:** Monday 18 February 2019 - Friday 22 February 2019
- **Term Time:** Monday 25 February 2019 - Friday 12 April 2019

Summer Term 2019

- **Term Time:** Monday 29 April 2019 - Friday 24 May 2019
- **Half Term:** Monday 27 May 2019 - Friday 31 May 2019
- **Term Time:** Monday 3 June 2019 - Monday 22 July 2019

INSET DAYS: Monday 7/1/19
 Friday 15/2/19
 Monday 22/7/19

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