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**ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
NEWSLETTER 12 – *Week ending 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010*

**Dear Parents/Carers**

Well, what a week! Staff have been very busy trying to squeeze into this week everything that they intended to do last week – so that means the children have been busy, too. It really is a case of 'so much to do... so little time!'

*By the time you read this newsletter the Lunn family will have been to Buckingham Palace for our son to be presented with his Military Cross. I am sure that you will still be able to see the smile, and pride, on my face on Monday morning.*

**School Mass**

Class 3 will be leading school mass on Monday at 9.30 am which will be focussing on St Joseph an often overlooked member of the Holy Family. Please join us if you can.

**'Big Talking'**

Please take time support your children by talking about the 'Big Talking' subject with your family and explore your own thoughts, ideas and opinions with them ready for their 'Big Talk' time on Monday mornings.

**Our 'Big Talking' theme for this week is:**

**'Which Cafod World Gifts would you choose for your class to buy and why?'**

**Grandparents' Party**

By the time you get this newsletter, the party will be over and I hope that everyone has had a good afternoon and enjoyed the entertainment that the children have prepared. I also hope that the weather conditions and the lingering travel problems caused by the snow have not prevented anyone from attending.

**Thank you!**

Many thanks to a small group of volunteers who braved the cold to help make a start on clearing the playground of snow. They did a great job and with such good cheer! Thanks to Lee Brooks, Gillian Martin, Claire Slater, Matthew Browne, Cristian Gurran, Ryan Wolf, Annette Putt, Virgie and Kieran Pogmore.

**Re-arranged Dates**

The snow last week played havoc with our plans and some of our events have had to be re-scheduled. Please see the notes below:

**Christmas with the Aliens**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm

*There is no charge for the tickets, but we do need to restrict the numbers because of fire regulations. Everyone will be allocated two tickets to each performance. If you will not be using any of the tickets, please return them so that others can use them.*

***All children taking part in the concert will need to be back in school by 5.30 pm  
For the evening performance.***

**Enterprise Christmas Fayre** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1.30 pm

**Christmas Parties**

Watch out next week for the messages or letters coming from each class about the arrangements for Christmas parties which will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> for Classes 1 and 2 and on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> for Classes 3, 4 and 5.

**Maths Workshop**

The maths workshop on how to use number lines was greatly enjoyed by all those who attended. We will be planning some more in the New Year so please watch out for the dates.

**Family Learning: Key Stage 2 Literacy**

Congratulations to our group of parents/carers who completed their Key Stage 2 Literacy course, most of whom chose to undertake a formal assessment on Tuesday morning. We all wait excitedly to celebrate their results!

We hope to run a similar course in numeracy in the New Year.

**Enterprise Christmas Fayre**

Our Enterprise Week will end on Tuesday afternoon with our Christmas Fayre which will start at 1.30 pm. Our Enterprise Fayre has grown so much that we can no longer hold it all in the hall. So this year each class will be setting up their business/es in their own classrooms, which will mean that the hall is free to give us more room for our Christmas stall and to serve refreshments – a little oasis of peace and quiet for you I hope!

***Please come along on Tuesday and support your children's creativity, resourcefulness and hard work!***

**Family Christmas Party**

Due to difficulties caused by the bad weather, the family party which, was to have taken place last night, had to be postponed. Please watch out for news of a new date in January.

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### Dinner Money

Please make sure **all** outstanding dinner money is paid to Mrs Glossop next week.

### Birthdays

Kyle Smith and Daniella Browne celebrated their birthdays this week.

### After School Clubs

**No** after school clubs until the New Year.

The last session of Let's Get Cooking for class 3 children will be held during school time one day next week.

## Dates

### Remaining Term dates for 2010 -2011

Autumn 2:	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	to	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring 1:	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	to	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring 2:	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	to	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
	<i>May Day Weekend – School Closed Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April (Training Day) and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</i>		
Summer 1	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	to	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer 2	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	to	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>		<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>

### Training Days

(*planned so far*) - the date has yet to be set for the one remaining day.

#### **January**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Outstanding teaching and learning

#### **April**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Now a Bank Holiday for the Royal Wedding

#### **December**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

School Mass

Class 1 and 2 Concert: Christmas with the Aliens 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm

Rotherham Titans Reading Partners

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Enterprise Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

Key Stage 2 (Class 3, 4, 5) Christmas Party

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

End of term service 1 pm **School closes 2.00 pm**

#### **January**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

**Training Day – school closed**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

School re-opens

Travelling theatre group Tempus Fugit

Key Stage 1: Fairy Tales

Key Stage 2: Greek Myths and Legends