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## ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER 10 – *Week ending 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010*

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

School is full of children, and staff, huddling in corners trying hard not to let anyone overhear their ideas – it's Enterprise Fayre time again! I'm sure there will be children this week trying to pick your brains about any money making ideas that you might have. I have already had a written request for one class negotiating a 'deal' on exclusive rights to all the catering at the fayre! This kind of activity not only excites the children but helps them to develop all kinds of enterprising skills which will help them in the future – and I am sure it will cost me money!

#### School Mass

School mass will be on Monday at 9.30 am in church. This week Class 3 will be leading this mass which marks the end of the church's year by celebrating Christ the King. Please come and join us if you can.

*During the next week we will be preparing for the beginning of the church's year with the beginning of Advent.*

#### '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. With our Enterprise Week coming up fast...

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

***'What skills and qualities do you need to use to plan and run a successful enterprise activity?'***

#### Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been anti-bullying week. This year's Anti-bullying Week focus has been "Taking Action Together" – not 'turning a blind eye' to bullying but standing up against it. Some of the children have been finding out about Anne Frank, which has linked so well with what they have been learning about in their study of World War Two.

#### .... And Children in Need

Usually the colour blue is associated with sadness, but this morning blue was certainly a happy colour as everyone dressed in their bluest and whackiest outfits to show our support for anti-bullying. Our whacky fashion show this morning was a sight to behold – and we raised money for Children in Need at the same time. The whacky outfit winners were

Class 1: Hannah McLoughlin

Class 2: Katie Dixon

Class 3: Jenna Brooks

Class 4: Sheree Overton

Class 5: Jack Chadwick

*Thank you to everyone who supported this event.*

#### Maths Workshop

Next Friday afternoon Mrs Hannah Lambert, who supports maths development in the Thrybergh Community Learning Partnership schools, will be leading the first of a series of workshop sessions for parents/carers who would like to know more about how to help children with their maths. This first session is all about number lines and how they are used to help with counting and calculations. The session will start at 1.30 pm and be finished by 3 pm.

#### Advent Wreaths

Next Friday will be Advent Wreath making day in school. The Advent wreaths will form the focal point for our prayers and reflections during Advent. We would be very grateful if you could send in contributions of greenery from your gardens – cuttings of conifers, ivy etc – for us to use to make the wreaths. Please send them in on Thursday as we will store them in buckets of water until we need them.

#### Enterprise Christmas Fayre

The week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November is our Enterprise Week and ends on the afternoon of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December with our Christmas Fayre. Each class will be given £20 'seed' money to finance their business and will spend the week working on their projects - so watch out for their advertising campaigns! The profit that each class makes, having paid back the £20 (+ £2 interest and fees!), will be split between selecting CAFOD World Gifts and funding items for 'Golden Time' in their own class.

#### Christmas Dinner

Although the shops may be full of cards, wrapping and presents, I know it is still a little early to think about Christmas, but I do need to share information about Christmas dinner this year. Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. On that day there will be no other menu choices and no 'grab-a-bag' chilled choice option – Christmas dinner will be the only choice. ***If your child usually has a packed lunch from home and would like to have a Christmas dinner instead then please let Mrs Glossop know by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November.***

*We always make Christmas dinner into a special occasion for all of our children – packed lunch and school lunch children all have decorated tables and Christmas crackers - so if your child is having packed lunch please join in by adding some festive lunch items!*

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### Family Christmas Party

We are very grateful to Claire Slater and Gillian Martin who are organising a Christmas Party for St Gerard's families at the Silverwood Miners' Welfare on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** from 5pm until 9 pm. There will be a disco, games, karaoke and a raffle. Everyone is encouraged to bring along their own Christmas Feast to make it extra special.

Tickets will be priced at £1.50 single ticket or you can buy a family ticket (2 adults and children from the same family) for £5. All children must be accompanied by an adult family member. It promises to be a great night! Please get your tickets from Mrs Glossop in the office. Further details available from Gillian or Claire.

### Golden Stars

Stars this week are Leah Gooch, Adelle Manton, Harrison Chadwick, Grace Manton and Meda Nikalajevaite

### Birthdays

Darlene Galabe and Petroni Ngoyi celebrate their birthdays this week.

### After School Clubs

Wednesday	ICT Club for class 5	3.15 – 4.15 pm
	Let's Get Cooking session 3	3.15 – 4.15 pm
Thursday	High Fives classes 4 and 5	3.15 – 4.15 pm

## 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.

#### **April**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Focus yet to be agreed

#### **November**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> School Mass: Class 3  
Parents group  
Rotherham Titans Reading Partners

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Carl Walker dance lessons for Classes 3 and 4  
Family Learning session Key Stage 2 Literacy 11/12

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> High Fives match against St Mary's at St Bernard's

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Family learning workshop – Blank number lines 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Mass 9.30 am Class 5 – Waiting (including the blessing of the Advent Wreaths)  
Enterprise Week starts  
Parents group  
Rotherham Titans Reading Partners

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Travelling Cribs start their journeys  
Carl Walker dance lessons for Classes 3 and 4  
Family Learning session Key Stage 2 Literacy 11/12

#### **December**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Achievement Assembly for Family Learning Group 9.15 am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Enterprise Christmas Fayre 1.15 pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> School Mass: Class 4  
Parents group  
Rotherham Titans Reading Partners

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Family Learning KS2 Literacy Group – assessment 10 am  
Class 1 and 2 Concert: Christmas with the Aliens 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Grandparents' Party

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> School Mass  
Parents group  
Rotherham Titans Reading Partners

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**