

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school!

We hope you enjoyed the festive season and would like to wish all of our families a Very Happy New Year.

Staff would like to pass on their thanks to parents and children for their Christmas gifts.



Thank you to our Parent Group for their wonderful grotto. Santa and children were delighted with the fabulous surroundings – Year 3 classroom was unrecognisable.

The selection boxes for children were part-funded by monies raised on the Parent Stall at our Enterprise Day and by school.

Thanks also to the Parent Group for organising the Family Fun Night on 30<sup>th</sup> November – this was a great success.

Congratulations to Luxury Hamper Winner – Mrs Barrett 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Christine McPartland 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Kirstie Stewart

Congratulations to Mrs Conley for winning "Mo Salah" – thanks to Mrs Barrrett for providing this life-size cardboard cut-out

Solemnity of Mary ~ 1<sup>st</sup> January





role as the mother of Jesus Christ. The Roman Catholic Church considers it a holy day of obligation.

A solemnity is the highest-ranking feast days in the Roman Catholic Church. Other solemnities include Sundays during the season of Lent, Easter, and Advent, and every day of Holy Week leading up Easter.

In Roman Catholicism, Mary is referred to as the *Queen of Peace*, since the Messiah is referred to as the *Prince of Peace* (Isaiah 9:6). The Solemnity of Mary is also World Day of Prayer for Peace in the Catholic Church.

# GOOD NEWS!

Congratulations to Miss Haresnape on the birth of her baby firl in December. Mum and daughter are doing well

# **! IMPORTANT ! REVISED INSET DATE**

The published date of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July is cancelled so children should attend school on this day.



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February (the Monday following half term) is now changed to a Staff Training Day – children do not attend.

**Attendance Fines** 

Parents will be aware internet cocal Authority may issue fines for unauthorised absence (e.g. holidays during school term). However, you may not know that if you are issued with, and do not pay such a fine, you could end up with *a criminal record*.

#### **HEATING UPDATE:**



You may be aware that the heating system in school has not been functioning properly despite the installation of a new boiler. Temporary heating has been in operation throughout the school. The good news is that work to restore our heating system started before Christmas and has been ongoing during the holiday period.

**Update:** We are happy to report that most of the school heating has now been restored.

# REMINDER REGARDING SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children should wear the correct school uniform including black school shoes, trainers are not suitable footwear for school. All children should wear the school tie, available from Fitwell. Finally can parents ensure that school jumpers and coats are clearly marked with children's names.

# P.E Kits

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school on their PE days. Your child should have a white t-shirt, navy shorts and pumps in school, clearly labelled.





JANUARY		
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Collective Worship Assembly on Democracy
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Epiphany Service at Cathedral
FEBRUARY		
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 2 Collective Worship Assembly on Local Church
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	School Health – Reception screening

#### **PUZZLE CORNER**

#### Spot the difference:



Find six differences between the two pictures of Sam, Katie and Spike at the beach

And finally ...



