

ST. AMBROSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Weekly Update - 30th November 2023

Message from the Head

As you will be aware we have had an ISI inspection team in this week for three days so it has been a rather long week for the school community at St Ambrose but in a very positive way.

As always, your children have been an absolute credit to you and the school as their true Ambrosian characters shone through. In all aspects of school life, they have conducted themselves in an exemplary fashion showing beautiful manners and the utmost respect for each other, their teachers and visitors.

All of the children were keen to meet and talk with the inspectors as they wanted to have their say on how much they enjoy being at school and the lead inspector confirmed to me that we have wonderful children.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent surveys in your busy schedules, they were very helpful and supportive of all that we do here at St Ambrose and thank you to those who have sent personal messages to myself and staff.

I won't lie I am glad we have St Ambrose feast day off tomorrow as it will give us all a long weekend before the onset of all the wonderful Christmas festivities which I am so looking forward to as I am sure you are. It is a truly joyous time of year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 1st December - St Ambrose Day - School closed

Monday 4th December - 9.30am, Whole School Mass at Holy Angels - Parents Welcome

Tuesday 5th December - EYFS Nativity - 9am - Refreshments to start

Wednesday 6th December - KS1 Nativity - 9am & 2pm - Refreshments to start

Thursday 7th December - KS2 Christmas Carol Rehearsal (1.15pm) and Concert at Holy Angels-6pm - all junior children to attend

Friday 8th December - Christmas jumper day

Saturday 9th December 12.30pm - Altrincham Lantern Parade

Sunday 10th December - St Ambrose Christmas Fair and Christmas by Candlelight

Monday 11th December - Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 12th December - Lowry Theatre trips

Wednesday 13th December - Music exams

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Party day - wear own clothes with Christmas jumper

Friday 15th December - School closes at 12 noon.

Stars of the Week

Cami was Pre Prep's Star of the Week for continuing to settle in to life at St Ambrose so well, whilst Gracie in Reception has done a great job in developing her independent writing skills. Samson in Infant 1 has grown in confidence in his Maths & English and Infant 2's Thomas receives the award for putting 100% effort in to everything that he does, including learning his lines for the Christmas Nativity. Prep 1's Frank was praised for his consideration and for helping all those in need (including the teachers!) whilst George in Prep 2 has stood out for always giving his best, even when the work is challenging. Joe in Prep 3 was commended for his hard work and consistent positive attitude. William and Alice were Prep 4's stars, William for being a true Ambrosian, working conscientiously in all areas and Alice for the careful and considered work she always produces and for being a good role model.

In addition to our Stars of the Week, Jacob received the Edmund Rice Award for his great sportsmanship whilst Feliks and George received Music Awards for their enthusiasm and engagement.

We also enjoyed musical and LAMDA performances from Stefan and Mark during our Celebration Assembly.



Message from the PTFA



We look forward to welcoming you to the Christmas Fair.

Entry is payable on the door at £1 per person.

Father Christmas - Tickets £5 per child.

Book your slot to meet Father Christmas, every child receives a gift.

Tickets available to purchase via ParentMail.

Raffle tickets- £1 Ticket

Prizes include:

4x VIP Weekend Passes to Hale Barns Carnival (worth £280)

3 Course meal at Brasserie Blanc (worth £100)

Champagne Hamper (worth £100)

Dino Gold Trafford Centre Experience (worth £40)

Neil Barrett family photo session

Plus many more.....

Thank you to everyone who brought their donations of individually wrapped sweets and chocolates this week, in exchange for Own Clothes Day, which will be used to make up sweetie tubs for the school fair.

Don't worry if you have yet to donate as you can still do this, dropping items to the school office, w/c 4th December.

As a reminder, can we kindly ask that parents of Early Years and Infant classes bring in boxes of chocolates and Juniors to bring in alcohol and non alcohol bottles.

Edmund Rice Network News

Hopefully you will have by now received an Opening Doors Christmas Card, which came home in the children's bags earlier this week.



As part of the Edmund Rice Network we have been asked to take part in the 'Opening Doors Appeal' where this Christmas they are asking that you buy a gift that has a lasting impact. The Edmund Rice Schools' Network is fundraising to build two pre school classrooms in the township of Mamelodi in South Africa.

Please note that the Mothers Prayer Group in Holy Angels Parish meet every Thursday from 2-3pm in the wonderfully new parish hall.

The group began when a few parents were worried about their teenage children and decided to meet together to pray for them. They met once a week and the little prayer group gradually evolved.

They met other mothers who wanted to join them to pray for their children and so Mothers Prayers Groups developed and grew. They pray for children all over the world as they so need our prayers.

If any parents from St Ambrose would like to join the group, they would be very welcome. If there are any queries, phone Patricia on 0161 943 1624.

