



NEWSLETTER

XII Apostles RCPS, Nel Pan Lane, Leigh, Wigan WN7 5JS School Web Site: www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs S. M. Newton BA Hons QTS 16th December 2020

*Dear Parents and Carers,
I can't believe this is the last newsletter of the year and what a year this has been. We must all remain hopeful for 2021.*

I want to say once again a special thank you to all our parents and carers who have been so supportive and patient during these challenging times, when we have all had to find new ways of working.

I would also like to thank Grandparents, Parents, Carers and Children and for the lovely gifts that were delivered to me on Monday. It really means so much and is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Mrs Newton



Star of the Week

Friday 4th December

Well done to the following children:

Reception – Leila Ogden and Jenson Jackson
Year 1 – Tallulah Birchall
Year 2 – Oliver Shaw
Year 3 – Tommy Lovett
Year 4 – Harrison Deakin
Year 5 – Macey Hewitt and Jasmine Williams
Year 6 – Connie Boon and Praise Osemeke



Friday 11th December 2020

Reception – Harriet Roberts and William Hughes
Year 1 – Luna Ridley
Year 2 – Harry Gallagher
Year 3 – Natalie Kiejko
Year 4 – Caoimhe Ray
Year 5 – Jessica Hewertson
Year 6 – Evie Ryan



Christmas Raffle

This proved to be a huge success and so popular with the children. We greatly appreciated all the donations. It was buzzing with excitement around school. Year 6 school council were responsible for drawing the tickets.

Winners for the top prizes

1. Glendale Garden Tidy Voucher to the value of £300 – *Tom Blydgen Foreman*
2. Amazon voucher to the value of £75 – *Caius Barker*
3. ASDA voucher to the value of £50 – *Miss Birchall*
4. A and R Rosenfield - £20 uniform voucher – *Sophie Gregson*
5. Chennai Restaurant £20 gift voucher – *Miss Birchall*

Goodbye and Goodluck Miss Hope

As I mentioned previously, Miss Hope will sadly be leaving us at the end of this week to take up a new post. We will all be so sad to see her go after 12 years at XII Apostles. She is a dedicated professional and has given so much to the children of XII Apostles over the years.

As you will have no doubt noticed Mrs Featherstone is having a baby and therefore will also be finishing to commence maternity leave at the end of the term.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Evans will be taking over as the full time class teacher in year 2 and has been working with both teachers to ensure a smooth transition. I know you will all join me in welcoming Mrs Evans back to our school and wishing both Miss Hope and Mrs Featherstone luck for the future.

Christmas Charity

Thank you for all your donations for our nominated Charities. The children have been finding out in assemblies over the week how this money will help our global brothers and sisters and we are able to purchase, solar lamps, cleaning kits and give help to refugee children.

In total we raised £240 so we are also so able to send £100 to the local foodbank.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Father Keiran has sent the following message:

This year because of the Pandemic and because of the reduced seating capacity and social distancing measures in our churches, I will not be able to celebrate the annual children's first Mass of Christmas at St Joseph's Church. Families, however, are still invited to attend one of the **six** Christmas Masses.

The Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve

St Joseph's: 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Sacred Heart: 8:00 pm

6. Spinners Arms – Sunday Roasts x4 – *Kacper Kiejko*
7. The Entertainer £15 gift voucher – *Janet Reynolds*
8. Lily Boux Childs Personalised Hoodie to the value of £15 – *Debbie Peers*
9. Envy hair voucher with Katie to the value of £20 – *Kain Blydgen*
10. Spinners Arms Large Sweet Treat box including delivery – *Grace Sutton*
11. Cucina Cream Tea for 2 – *Oscar Grimshaw*
12. Slattery Chocolate Snowman – *Jayden Hamer*
13. Electric Shaver – *Luna Ridley*
14. Bottle of Gin – *Isla McCulloch*
15. Bottle of Martini – *Scarlet Drew*
16. The Famous Grouse Whiskey – *Hailey Balsamo*
17. Thorntons Chocolate Liquer – *Isla McCulloch*
18. Large Lego set – *Grace Sutton*
19. Hair Voucher – Salon HR – *Niall Lloyd*
20. Nail & Lashes by Shelley voucher – *Heidi Gallagher*



We would like to thank all the local businesses, Asda, Tesco, Bents, Sainsbury's, Toy Master, Abtec, The Entertainer, Morrison's, A and R Rosenfield and many more for their kind and generous donations.

Christmas Carol Service

Please see our school website or the school page on class dojos for this wonderful end of term Carol Service. Every class has taken part and the choir performed the finale. This is the children's Christmas gift to parents/carers and relatives. Please take the time to watch this.

Thank you to Mr Rowlands and Mrs O'Boyle for organising it and of course to all the children who sang beautifully.



Click the link below :

<https://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk/new-news-items/>

Christmas Day

St Joseph's: 8:30 am and 10:00 am

Sacred Heart: 11:30 am

To book a place, please contact the Parish office and state the Mass you would like to attend and the number of places you require (1, 2, 5 etc). I would like to stress that we are limited to the number of people we can safely accommodate in each church, approximately 100 at St Joseph's and 75 at Sacred Heart. If capacity has been reached at a particular Mass, you will be offered a place at one of the other Masses. Please note that if no one is there to take your call, **please leave a voicemail message** and someone will call you back. If you have booked a place and are not able to go, please phone the Parish Office and **cancel** so that it can be offered to someone else.

Thank you. Fr. Kieran

COVID UPDATE

The Government announced last week that the COVID isolation period for contacts reduces from 14 to 10 days with effect from 14th December 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chief-medical-officers-statement-on-the-self-isolation-period-11-december-2020>

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If your child develops symptoms over the holiday period or tests positive please let school know via class dojos. A separate letter with all the details for reporting a confirmed COVID case over the Christmas period has been sent out this week and is on the web site.

Winter Grant Scheme

Please find attached the information to be shared across the service about our Winter Grant Scheme and how staff working with vulnerable households and families can access support. This is the scheme that is being used to give children that are entitled to free school meals or families in need, their funding over the Christmas break.

We are welcoming referrals from across the council and trusted partners:

- *Children's Services
- *Adult Social Care
- *Education
- *Housing
- *Collections and Assessment Team
- *Care and NHS professional including nurses and GPs

The City of Trees Project. Naturalising the Borough

We have been fortunate enough to be invited to be involved in this project and Year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to dig and plant saplings on Friday. The idea is to create a wild life garden and woodland area in the school grounds. This is a long-term vision set out by the council that aims to attract wildlife and species of wildflowers never usually seen in the borough.



Toast and Milk Money

If your child requires toast and milk for the next half term please can you send it into school either before we break up or on the first day back **Tuesday 5th January 2020.**

Please can the money be placed in an envelope, clearly marked, with your child's name.

£3 for toast

£6 milk

£9 toast and milk

As you are aware toast is now made to order daily. Thank you.

**School Breaks up for Christmas
Friday 18th December and
Re-opens Tuesday 5th January 2021**



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