

Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

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This week

This week, Year 5 had a great experience at the CHET Centre in Little Crosby. Today we all had some time outside for the National School Games Santa Dash. Children have started making their Christmas badges, instead of sending Christmas cards.

Foodbank Collection and Opening Times

On Monday 11th, we will be collecting for the South Sefton Foodbank. Children can come to school in non-uniform clothes in return for bringing an item for the foodbank. The foodbanks are particularly in need of biscuits, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, juice/squash, soup and any Christmas treats.

The foodbanks opening times during the festive period are:

Week beginning 18th Dec: all foodbanks open as usual

Mon 25th – Wed 27th Dec: all foodbanks closed

Thu 28th Dec: Only St. Leonard's Youth & Community Centre open 11 – 1 pm

Fri 29th Dec - Mon 1st Jan: all foodbanks closed

Tue 2nd Jan: all foodbanks open as usual for the rest of the week.

Financial Guidance and Support for Families over Christmas

Many families are really struggling to pay bills, or buy toys, food etc for their children, during the Christmas period. Please follow the Sefton Council link below so you may gain access as quickly as possible to the support available. <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/costofliving>

You can also contact Mrs Solkin, in school, who can signpost you to other agencies.

Email: solkinc.gcp@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Parent Teachers Association – Christmas Market

Next Friday we shall be hosting our Christmas Market from 3.15 – 5pm. We are short of a number of items: sweets (to fill glass jars); bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic for the bottle tombola); unwanted gifts (so we can wrap them and the children can buy them) and chocolates for the chocolate tombola. Also, if you have any Christmas jumpers that are too small or are unwanted, please could you donate them to the school office so that they can be sold at the Christmas Market. Some parents/carers may work for companies that have match funding schemes as ways of boosting fundraising. If you are able to enquire about it, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Advent Masses

Our Advent Masses began this week and continue on the next two Wednesdays mornings in December (13th and 20th Dec) at 8am in the studio for families and parishioners.

Diary Dates

Please see our website diary for more dates.

December

Wed 13th, 20th Advent

Masses – 8am

Mon 11th – Foodbank Collection

Tue 12th – 6M Rejoice 9.05am

Tue 12th - 3B and 3M to The Atkinson

Wed 13th – 3M Rejoice 9.05am

Wed 13th – 3A and 3C to The Atkinson

Thu 14th – 1L Rejoice 9.05am

Fri 15th – Christmas Market 3.15 – 5pm

Nativities

Tue 12th - RM 10am

Wed 13th - RG 10am

Wed 13th – NBW 10.30am

Wed 13th – NEW 2.15pm

Thu 14th - RF 10am

Fri 15th – RHL 10am

Mass Times

Sunday Mass times for our churches are:

St Helen's:

Sunday 10.00am

Ss Peter & Paul

Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am

St Joseph's

Sat 6.30pm, Sun 11.15am

This week's attendance



91.8%

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word for this week is 'Hope'. As Pope Francis said, "Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God. Advent increases our hope. Please take some time to read it on our Community > Gt Crosby Catholic Life page <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/gt-crosby-catholic-life>

Carol Services

The **Ss Peter and Paul's** parish carol service led by the choir will be on Wed 13th Dec at 7pm. There will be a collection taken to aid the victims of the conflict in Israel/Palestine.

The **St Joseph's** carol concert is on Sun 17th Dec at 7pm led by the Crosby Community Choir and special guest, Sophie Clarke. £5 pay on the door.

St Helen's Carols and Punch concert is on Thu 20th Dec at 7pm also led Crosby Community Choir in the parish centre. £5 pay on the door (incl glass of punch and mince pies).

We encourage as many families as possible to attend.

CAFOD Advent Calendar

CAFOD's website has an Advent calendar with prayers and reflections for every day up to Christmas Day. You can find it here: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

School Gateway

As we have mentioned before, we have introduced the School Gateway app for payments for school dinners, school trips and other fees. We will also be using it for communications and adding other content in the near future. Please download the free app by searching 'School Gateway' in your App store.

Currently only about one-third of parents/carers have downloaded the app. In the new year, we shall be sending all communications through the School Gateway app rather than by email from Groupcall, so we need parents and carers to have registered to continue receiving school notifications.

September 2024 Reception Tours

This week, we have had another school tour for parents and carers of children applying for September 2024 Reception places. We have availability for the next tour on Tue 19th Dec at 10am. To book a place, please contact the school office.

Waterloo Partnership

St Helen's and St Joseph's churches have maintained the link with the town of Waterloo in Sierra Leone, which in the past has seen teachers from Sierra Leone visiting us and Great Crosby teachers visiting there. The Waterloo Partnership charity has funded lots of projects for the town. There is a Christmas Gift Scheme which you might like to consider to help support projects in Sierra Leone. You can find out more at <https://www.waterloopartnership.co.uk/> or take a form from one of the churches.

Sacred Heart Academy Mission Statement

Our feeder secondary school, Sacred Heart Catholic Academy, is reviewing its Mission Statement and they want to hear from parents and carers. Please use the link below to complete the short questionnaire.

<https://forms.office.com/e/hD6dS2RDxz>

Attachments

This week's attachments are Alder Hey ASD Drop-ins; St John's Road Christmas Evening and Ultimate Kids Camp.