



Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other.
We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Dear parents/ carers,

ADVENT

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be lighting our first candle on the Advent Wreath and the children will be making their Advent Promises.



The Travelling Cribs will be going home and we hope that you enjoy sharing the prayers and reflections with your children

During Advent we talk to the children about the true meaning of Christmas and how Advent is a really special time. As a Catholic school we talk about church and how our Parishes are also preparing for Christmas.

Advent is a lovely time for children to be in church. Our three Parishes will also be lighting their wreaths and very soon the cribs will be ready.

If you don't already take your children to Mass, Advent is the perfect opportunity to begin.



A Message from Mrs O'Reilly

Sunday 28th November is the first Sunday of Advent. As the children continue their journey of faith during Advent, each class will be sending home a 'Christmas Crib' prayer bag containing a wooden crib, a tea light and a special prayer to share together as a family during this important part of the liturgical year.

Each class has one 'Christmas Crib' prayer bag and therefore we ask that it is returned to school the next day to ensure that as many families as possible have the opportunity to share in this experience during Advent.

Your child will take home either the 'Travelling Rosary', the 'Christmas Crib' or the 'Lenten Cross' at some point during the academic year.

The response from families who took home the 'Travelling Rosary' was very positive; it was a lovely opportunity for the children to share with you how we pray in school. I am sure that those families who now receive the 'Christmas Crib' will experience a similar time of prayer and reflection this Advent.

Mrs O'Reilly (RE and Music Co-ordinator)

Tree & Bulb Planting Day

The sun shone, we had over 60 amazing volunteers and the children all had a fantastic time! We planted 200 trees and over 2500 bulbs across both schools.

A huge thankyou to all of you who kindly gave up your time on Thursday to help us plant our trees and bulbs to give our school grounds a fantastic facelift. Cheadle Catholic children will reap the benefits of todays work for years to come.

There was a lovely community spirit around school and lots of happy faces.

A huge thankyou to Mr & Mrs Wroe for co-ordinating the day. We really appreciate all that you have done for both schools.

For photographs of the day please click on the website link below:

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/news/detail/tree-and-bulb-planting-day/>



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Helping others...

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thankyou for your generosity last week. We have raised £170 for Children in Need.

WIN CASH FOR CHRISTMAS! ENTER THE CHEADLE CATHOLIC PSA RAFFLE

With our usual festive fundraisers are still on hold, this year we are bringing back the Christmas raffle, and we have three cash prizes up for grabs.

Tickets are £2 each and proceeds will be split equally between the prize fund and the PSA fundraising pot.

Tickets can be bought via Pay360 (under 'Events') or parents/carers can send cash in a sealed envelope with their child's name, class, email address and the number of tickets purchased. Tickets are available from Friday November 26th, 2021 until Friday December 17th, 2021.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday December 17th and cheques will be sent home to the three lucky winners. Because of Covid restrictions, no physical tickets will be issued. Those who pay by Pay360 will receive an e-receipt showing their transaction; those who pay by cash will be sent a receipt by email.

You can buy any number of tickets and each ticket will be entered into the draw individually. So, for example, if you buy £10's worth of tickets, you'll be entered into the draw five times.

The first prize winner will win 50% of the prize pot, while the runner up will take 30% and third place 20%.

The more people who take part, the bigger the prize fund!

Good luck and Merry Christmas!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

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Pause for Reflection



4, 3, 2, 1

**Count the weeks until Jesus comes,
Each week we add another light,
Our hope for Jesus growing bright,
We pray, we share, we do our part,
To welcome Jesus to our heart!**

Congratulations to all of our new stars of the week!

Nursery: Jude & Sophie

R1: Theo & Holly

R2: Jonah & Jessica

R3: Heidi & Charlie B

1O: Roza & Dylan

1DW: Rocco & Niamh

1BM: Henry & Scarlett

2L: Evie & Max

2W: Max & Eva F

2ON: Caleb & Ciara G

Provisional Diary Dates

Week Beginning Monday 6th December	Online Book Sale (More details to follow)
Monday 13th December	Nursery 1 & Reception Nativities R1; 9.15am R2: 10am R3: 10.45am N1: 11.30am
Thursday 16th December	Nursery 2 Nativity: 9.15am
Tuesday 21st December	Christmas Party Day (Own clothes)
Wednesday 22nd December	School closes for the Christmas holidays Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 5th January	School opens for Spring Term 1

Reminders

Caretaker Vacancy:

The governors are seeking to appoint a new Site Supervisor to start in January.
For more information and details how to apply please look at our school website;

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/vacancies-2/>

If you have any questions at all about the position please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Spencer by telephone or email.

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Building Fund

As a Catholic school the majority of our income comes from state funding. However, in return for the right to promote the Catholic Faith, 10% of the cost of all building work, repairs and maintenance must be met by the Diocese. At one point, donations through collection at mass were enough to meet this cost, but funding from the 'plate' has fallen well short of the bill for many years now.

In 2000 the Shrewsbury Diocese introduced a building fund in order to meet the 10% cost of all works on its Catholic schools with all those parents choosing Catholic education for their children asked to make the voluntary contribution of **£15 per child, per year**.

Whilst this is a suggested donation, Cheadle Catholic Infant School has to make a payment for each child to the Diocesan fund - regardless of whether parents opt to pay or not.

Last year we had to pay the shortfall from the school budget - money that was much needed for resources, energy costs etc.

I do appreciate that this has been a difficult couple of years for families but I would ask parents to consider why choosing a place at a Catholic school was so important to you and make a donation if you can.

I have attached a leaflet with details of how to pay. Alternatively you may pay using our online Sims payment (**pay360 Education Payments**) system.

Thankyou for your support.

