



# Sacred Heart School Newsletter 13: 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

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Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In school time – Reception, Year 1 & 2 to Norwich Playhouse to see ‘The Tiger Who Came to Tea.’
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm Senior School Christmas Concert in the gym
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Am - House Netball (Closed event) & Pm - Parties in the afternoon 4.00pm – 6.30pm U14 Girls Basketball Tournament at KLA. Return to SHS at 6.30pm
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch for staff and pupils 7.00pm Town Carol Concert – children’s tableau, volunteers required
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.45pm End of Term 4.00pm – 6.30pm U13 Boys Basketball Tournament at KLA. Return to SHS at 6.30pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00pm Dress Up for a Christmas Themed PTA Party in the Sports Hall with The Strollers
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	2.00pm – 5.00pm Convent Open Day for Bad Habits, Holy Orders – tea, look around Convent
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	8.30am Return to school
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	4.00pm – 4.50pm Lower School Tennis recommences. 5.00pm – 5.50pm Senior School Tennis recommences. Come along and have a try.
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.00pm PTA Meeting
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 Scholarship Assessment Days
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2.15pm – 3.00pm U9 & 3.00pm – 3.45pm U11 Football v Glebe at Home
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PTA Chinese New Year Pupil Disco. Details to follow

## The Retelling of the Christmas Story



**The Lower School's production of the 'Retelling of the Christmas Story' was a great success.** It was an amazing performance by all pupils from Little Pedlars to Year 6. Mrs Pickard had arranged the Nativity Show so that individual and group talent in singing, reading, dance, mime and acting was shown to its best advantage. It was wonderful to be part of such a genuinely moving re-enactment of the birth of Jesus. So many children were seen as bright stars, learning their parts, speaking and acting with such confidence. It was obvious that they all enjoyed the two performances and they had put their heart and soul into the performance. Parents should have been very proud of their children. Mrs Pickard is an inspirational music and drama teacher who is supported by a truly committed staff whose team work is excellent. We are really fortunate to have a musician on the Lower School staff. Mr Smith's musical talent brought the whole show to life. Of course, we raised a healthy amount of £278.72 for our two charities, St Martin's Housing Trust for the Homeless and the Wheely Big Appeal, QEH, Kings Lynn, which our Charity Prefect, Catherine Hazel spoke about. The 100 square for the Daughters of Divine Charity's Ugandan Mission raised £100 and the Sisters are very grateful for this help.

#### **School Bazaar**

The amount raised for the Christmas Bazaar was £2410 which is a splendid effort and a reflection of the hard work of everyone involved. Thanks to all the parents, teachers and friends who manned stalls, the café, the BBQ and of course to Father Christmas. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the festive atmosphere of the Christmas Bazaar. Mr Glenister has created a lovely collage of photos which capture the spirit of the evening.

#### **Competition Winners were:**

**Year 6** Raffle won by Harry Sturrock

**Year 7** 'Beat the Advent' and 'Bagatelle' were both won by Isaac Riedlinger

**Year 8** competitions were won by: Sam De Silva, Mrs Goldsmith, Mrs Ringwood and Sr Danuta

**Year 10** 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' was won by Mr Murphy.

**The Pamper Hamper** was won by Mrs Williams

The main raffle, for the luxury hamper, will be drawn at the Senior School Christmas Concert on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm.

**Please return all raffle tickets (Sold and unsold) and money to the office on Monday. Do not miss the opportunity to win the largest Christmas hamper, cash prize and lots of prizes.**

Emily has nearly sold all her Christmas Carol CD's. She has single handed raised £140 so far for the Drama Department. From our recent performances it seems that a good video camera is required and some floor flood lights.

**The PTA work really hard for the school. There was even an extra meeting this week to finalise arrangements for the whole school Christmas Party. This should be a really fun evening and good value with a buffet type supper, dancing, and games for the younger children.**

Besides being a social event it is also a means of making money for extras for all the children. Lap tops are being purchased and there are plans for more playground equipment. We need everyone's support if we are to be a school committed to providing a family atmosphere where our children can flourish and support one another.

**Some of the children completed quite a marathon that day as they went to a 3<sup>rd</sup> Carol Concert at Our Lady of Pity in aid of our Ugandan Mission.** They sang several Christmas songs and the congregation was deeply moved.

**At this time of year classes visit local homes for the elderly, the Cottage Hospital and the Pop-Up Dementia Café.** They bring joy and Christmas cheer to many who are housebound and lonely. Two boys were explaining with real enthusiasm how they had become involved in conversations with two elderly men who played football in their youth. They were quite animated about this interaction, so our many visits are mutually beneficial to these elderly and sick people but also to our children. It helps to reinforce the Christmas message that true happiness is in giving and often we need to be out of our comfort zone.

**Next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December we are invited as usual to partake in the Churches Together Town Carol Concert.** Harry and Isaac from Year 7 have been involved in this venture since they were in Year 2, now as Year 7 they are used to organising the event. They have asked many local younger pupils to take part in the Nativity Tableau and letters are being sent out today. This is an annual event to which we as a school are always asked to provide the Nativity. If you think your child has been overlooked please send in a note to the boys and they will include them in our Carol tradition.

**I would like to welcome you all to our Senior Christmas Concert,** 'A festive feast for the eyes and ears!' this Monday from 6pm in the gym. We will be entertaining you with a host of lyrical readings and some wonderful wintry music to get



you in the mood! There will be plenty of laughter as well as some opportunity for seasonal reflection. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards and we shall draw the grand raffle. We hope for a great crowd and very much look forward to seeing you there! *Miss Williams*

**Please note that all Y7 – 11 (plus Toby and Jack) pupils will remain in school on Monday until the Concert. Please bring a packed tea.**

**Party Day** – On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December the Lower School may come to school in sensible non-uniform clothes. (A coat and sensible footwear **MUST** be worn).

**All pupils will enjoy a Christmas lunch on Wednesday.**

#### **The Christmas Holiday Challenge**

All pupils will be issued with a photo frame. They are asked to produce a family picture / photograph and exhibit it as creatively as possible using the frame. These should be brought in on the first day of the Spring Term. There are 5 service awards for completing the challenge and 5 points for bringing in on time.

**Scholarship Days for Year 6 will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

Scholarships are available on entry to Senior School

and are awarded on merit. . Everyone in Year 6 will be assessed alongside external candidates and the most successful candidate will be given an academic award up to a maximum of 50%. Scholarships are not related to parents' income.

**Ayesha Cundy, now Y12, won an ISA Nationals award with her textile wall hanging of the beach.** This is the first time that we have won the National Award, though we have won Regional Awards frequently. Ayesha is studying textiles for her A Levels at Kings, Ely.

**The total number of Samaritan's Purse' Christmas Shoe Boxes sent this year was an outstanding 184 boxes! Many thanks to everyone for their generosity.**

**Stamp Appeal** – Sr Emilia would like to ask that any stamps that you receive on Christmas envelopes be sent in for her charity collection. Thank you.

We encourage all visitors, parents, pupils and staff to be extra vigilant when walking on school premises. We are fortunate to have mature trees on our grounds but the fallen leaves and damp conditions will make the surfaces slippery at this time of year. Particular care must be taken on the ramp in the field. We are doing our best to keep it safe.

**Sacred Heart School**

*In the Sportshall*

*7pm til 10pm*

*with Live music from The Strollers & Buffet Available*

**Tickets**  
*Available at Reception*

*Family of 4 £25*

*Adults £10*

*Children 3-16 £5*

*Under 3's Free*

**Christmas Party**

*Saturday 16th December*



