

2 December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Advent is now well and truly underway and we are all able to start opening our Advent calendars (at last!). St John Henry Newman wrote a beautiful Advent Hymn. The second verse is below and encourages us to be excited at the coming of Christmas, the coming of Christ. We are preparing well at CNS and are very much looking forward to the last week of term as well the Annual children's party that we host for children with significant needs from the local area. This is always the start to the Christmas season that we wait for!

Christ is coming! from thy bed, Earth-bound soul, awake and spring, With the sun new-risen to shed Health on human suffering.

Year II have been fantastic in their mock exams and have approached them with an incredible sense of maturity. This bodes really well for the summer exams. We are all looking forward to seeing how they have done and be able to support them for the coming months to continue to make progress.

#### King Charles III

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December the school choir and part of the orchestra have been invited to Luton Airport to perform for King Charles III as he opens the new DART line. This is a tremendous honour and the students and staff are very excited!

#### **Carol Service**

Our Carol Service at Cardinal Newman Catholic School will take place on Monday 12 December at 7pm. All are very welcome to join us. Please use the following link to book a free ticket:
CNS Carol Service Tickets, Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite

### **Sports Results**

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who have represented the school at various sports this week. Below are their results. We are very proud of all their efforts and how they conduct themselves whilst representing the school.

Year 8 Girls Netball won 20-1

Year 7 Boys Basketball won both their basketball fixtures this week ,making it 4 wins from 4

Year 9 Boys Basketball won 51-46

We have five basketball teams in the town finals next week!

## **CNS Giving Tree**

With the beginning of Advent this Sunday the RE department wanted to do something very practical to help others. The R.E. Department is organising the 'Giving Tree' project. There is a Christmas tree upstairs in Littlemore House with gift tags on it. Each tag has details of an item that will be of value to someone in need. You take a tag, buy and wrap the item, then stick the tag on the item and put it under the Christmas tree. These gifts will be going to a number of charities in Luton, including, Noah, Luton Foodbank, Stepping Stones and Caritas. I have attached a flyer explaining how it will work. Thank you in advance!

### **Dinner money**

Thank you for your tremendous support on reducing the debt on the dinner money account. Having spoken to a number of parents we have imposed a £5 spending limit each day as well as the overall amount of debt to be no greater than £10.

# **Parent Survey**

Please follow this link for a survey about your child's experience at school. If you would like to complete this, I have extended the deadline to Monday 5th December at 12pm.

As ever, thank you for your support and have a blessed weekend.

Andrew Bull Headteacher

## Week beginning 5th December

	This is Week 2 on the timetable
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Exam week 2 Year 12 WTM in lessons Year 7 Boys Football County Cup (Away) - vs Biggleswade Academy U16 Rugby v Icknield Home
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Exam week 2 Year 12 WTM in lessons Year 11 GCSE PE Practical Mock Moderation KS3 Film Club Japanese Club Yr 11 County Cup v Samuel Whitbread (H) (H)Yr 9 & U16 Netball Vs Chiltern A
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Exam week 2 Year 12 WTM in lessons Primary school Sports leaders event N6 visit to Nottingham Trent University Bake Off Club (7,8,9, and 10) Table top club Boys Basketball Finals Y9 Football vs St Thomas Moore (HOME) Y7 Girls Basketball (H) v Putteridge (friendly)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Exam week 2 Year 12 WTM in lessons Christmas party for children with disabilities Year 9 Parent's Evening Girls Basketball Finals Yr7,9&U16
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Exam week 2 Year 12 WTM in lessons Friday Forum #madeforgreatness breakfast Friday Night Detention