



St. Paul's RC Academy Wednesday 16th December 2015

In the first half of Advent we count forwards: first week, second week, and so on, paying attention to Advent Sunday, the day when Advent started.

Now the second half of Advent has begun, and Advent Sunday is forgotten: it is Christmas Day that matters. Today is the eighth day before Christmas, tomorrow is the seventh day, and so on.

School Prayer

God our Father

Thank you for being with us this day

Help us to grow and to become a community of many gifts

In which everyone is valued and supported to achieve all they can

May we always act in faith, hope and love

And show the values of St. Paul, our patron

Amen

Thought for Today

Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words. — Harlan Miller, writer and artist

Advent Challenge

Today you could write a little messages of appreciation for family and friends or tell them how much they are loved.

Skill of the Week – Write a conclusion for a piece of work Learning Conversation Focus – How to meet new people

Reward Assemblies This Week as detailed below

Monday	St Andrew
Tuesday	St Margaret
Wednesday	St Columba
Thursday	St Ninian
Friday	St Patrick

New Notices

Change for Change

Well done to everyone for their marvellous and generous contributions to the St Columba Change for Change Challenge. The challenge will end on Friday 18th December, so remember search behind the sofa, empty those piggy banks and bring us your change.

The totals so far are:	St Margaret's	£179.65
	St Columba's	£132.74
	St Patrick's	£46.73
	St Ninian's	£42.27
	St Andrew's	£51.88

Christmas Concert

Christmas Concert day is here! All performers should please check the rehearsal schedule carefully and ensure they come to the hall during periods 3 & 4 for the technical rehearsal. Tickets are available for sale today and a very limited number of tickets will be available to purchase at the door.

Rewards

S1/2 Reward will take place on Mon 21 December 2015 in the Assembly hall P5/6 - Christmas Party/disco

S3/4 Reward will take place on Tue 22 December 2015 in the Assembly hall P5/6 - Christmas Film

The list of people eligible to go have been emailed to all staff and register teachers will share this information with register classes.

Both days will be non uniform days with a cost of £1 for both days which will be collected in registration on Monday morning.

Pupils who are eligible for the reward should report to the hall at the start of P5.

Any queries about eligibility you should discuss with your Guidance teacher who will explain which of the criteria you have not met. Dates are 26/10/2015 - 10/12/2016 inclusive

Greater than 90% attendance

Less than 5 Late to Class recorded that term

Less than 3 IDs recorded that term

Less than 5 lates recorded

No exclusions that term

Less than 2 negative referrals

Higher History Pupils:

All pupils please hand in consent forms to the History Department before leaving this afternoon to go to the cinema. An agreed price of £5 has been arranged with the DCA.

Unusual Coin

Whilst counting the money for the Change for Change House Challenge I found an unusual coin, if anyone is missing an unusual coin and perhaps donated it by mistake, can you please contact me in the SFL Department to retrieve your coin.

Ms Girolami SFL

Previous Notices

S1 Christmas Ceilidh

The S1 Christmas Ceilidh will take place on Friday 18th December at 1.35pm-3.20pm in the games hall. Pupils have to come straight to the games hall at the bell after lunch, DO NOT go to your period 5 class. Pupils are encouraged to wear something tartan and/or a Christmas outfit, there will be prizes for the best dressed dancers! This is always a really fun afternoon with dancing, games and a raffle so please come with a great attitude and your best behaviour. Pupils can bring a bottle of water to the ceilidh but they need to put their name on the bottle.

Miss Morton

Hunger Lunch

The RE Dept. & St. Columba House are organising a hunger lunch on Friday 18th December. At this time of excess we thought it might be nice to step back a bit and think of others who have very little at Christmas time and often all year round. Tickets are £2.00 each, the amount pupils would normally be expected to pay for a school lunch and on offer instead will be lovely homemade soup and half a roll. All profits will go to the 'Change for Change' charity.

We would like to invite each house to come along and join the hunger lunch, tickets will be on sale over the next week during registration. There are 50 tickets for sale which hopefully means 10 people per house will come along, however, everyone is very welcome and if there is a demand we can increase this to 100 tickets We will need to know numbers by Thursday 17th December at the latest as a hunger lunch is one thing but we don't want it to be a starvation lunch if there is not enough soup!!!

The hunger lunch will take place in the staff room and we hope the regular users will not mind us joining them and of course they are more than welcome to join us too.

Thanks for your support.

Mrs Ansquer

Parkour Taster Sessions

Parkour is movement over obstacles and free running, this is a fun and exciting activity, which a specialist coach is coming to take. To sign up see Mr Stuart, places will be limited. Parkour will take place in the gym, PE kit will be required and pupils should be ready at 13:00 sharp. We only have 2 weeks of taster sessions so come along on Tuesday.

Please find attached posters if these can be attached to the noticed as well.

Music Dept Notices W/B 14th December

Rehearsals

Monday - Orchestra @ 12.45pm in Drama Studio

Tuesday - Additional Choir Rehearsal @ 1.10pm in Mus 1

Wednesday - Choir Rehearsal @ 1.10pm in Mus 1

Thursday - Ukulele Group Rehearsal @ 1.10pm in Mus 1

Thursday - PLEASE SEE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday - Choir Challenge.....@ 1.10pm in Mus 1

Christmas Concert - Thursday 17th December, 7pm

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Christmas Concert which are now on sale from the Music Department priced £2 for adults and £1 for children/concessions. 'Christmas Elves' will be visiting registration classes this week to sell tickets too! All performers must ensure they have returned a completed consent form to Mrs O'Rourke.

Christmas at the Music Centre

Well done to Chris Brighty and Bartosz Witkowski who represented St Paul's at the 'Christmas at the Music Centre' concerts on Sunday! They both played very well and this was a fantastic day of music featuring young musicians from across the city.

St Paul's RC Academy Choir on Tour!

Thanks to all 20 performers and staff who formed part of the 'audience' for our performance on Friday evening at Tesco's Kingsway Branch. This performance was very well received and we raised £115 in just one hour!

Our Chamber Choir performed a selection of unaccompanied Christmas carols and songs at the spectacular High Mill within Verdant Works on Saturday afternoon to a full audience. Although a rather chilly performance, the choir sounded great and thanks to performers for taking the time on a Saturday afternoon to take our choir on tour!

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Tickets for the Christmas Concert are now on sale from the Music department at the bargain price of £2 for adults and £1 for children, make sure you get yours!

Rehearsal Schedule for Thursday. All rehearsals take place in the school hall:

Period	Group(s)
1	School Orchestra Aniela Reszcynski (1P5) Annie Petrie (4P2) & Megan Blakeman (4A1)
2	Ukulele Group String Group
3	Tech rehearsal – all performers and stage crew required
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5	School Choir (inc communal Carols) S4 Tuned Percussion Duet – Kennedy Thomson 4P5 and Mikaela Aktag 4A3 Rock Band
6	Dancers

Mrs O'Rourke

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Miss Morton

It has been a great start to the social dancing block with everyone entering into the spirit of it and working well with their peers. Let's continue to do this and enjoy the lead up to the Christmas holidays, many class prizes available in the next coming week and you never know the Strictly Come Dancing scouts might be paying St. Paul's a visit for next year's show.

Miss Morton

Festive 5's - S1 to S3.

On Tuesday 22nd December, St Paul's academy Sports Captains will be hosting their first sporting event - a Festive 5-a-side Football Tournament! The event will be run in the games hall over lunch time so please bring a packed lunch. Teams should consist of 5 players and cost £1 for entry (20p per player). Teams must be submitted and paid for to Active Schools Co-ordinator - Justin Mulholland, by Friday 18th December in order that fixtures and timings can be organised prior to the competition. Please collect a team sheet from Justin or a member of staff at the PE base. Thanks and best of luck! Justin

College Applications

Pupils who wish to make an application for Dundee and Angus College, starting in September 2016, please note the following dates.

College Online Applications open from Monday 18th January

Open days

Tuesday 19th January at Gardyne Campus from 2-7pm

Wednesday, 20th January at Arbroath Campus from 2-7pm

Thursday 21st January at Kingsway Campus from 2-7pm

Should you need any support you can discuss your application with to your guidance teacher or the careers advisor during Thursday lunchtimes in the library.

Christmas Hampers

Just a little reminder to all pupils that register teachers are still collecting tins - or any other long shelf life items - for the Christmas Hampers. The deadline is December 18th. One tin from each pupil will make a huge difference!

Thanks very much to everyone who has generously donated already, it is very much appreciated!

Miss Cowan

