Messages from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers

50th Anniversary Preparations - Preparations for our 50th anniversary have started and we have had thousands of hits and lots of positive feedback about our archives facebook. On Wednesday it was a pleasure to welcome back former Headteacher, Mr John Connor who visited school as part of the preparations for our 50th anniversary and donated archive material from when he was Headteacher. This included newspaper cuttings and old school documents and photographs. Mr Connor was given a brief tour of the school and has written an article for the anniversary booklet. When I went to see Mrs Mellon recently she kindly donated a wonderful original film of the opening day at Cardinal Newman. This has been transferred onto DVD and will be shared as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations. We have also been in touch with former Headteachers, Mrs Buchanan and Mr Dunphy, both of whom have written articles for the anniversary booklet about their memories of Newman.

Please visit our Facebook page - ‘Cardinal Newman School Coventry Archives’

Adverse Weather Procedures - With snow forecast for the weekend, I would like to remind parents and students of the procedure should extreme weather conditions force the school to close. Parents will receive notification by text message and also a notice will be posted on the school website. In addition to this Coventry City Council will carry the information along with local radio stations (BBC Radio Coventry & Warwickshire; Free Radio; Heart FM; and Touch FM). Please do not block the school switchboard with calls to enquire if school is open.

Year 12 and 13 Parents’ Evening Reminder - We look forward to seeing all parents and students at Years 12 and 13 Parents’ Evening on Thursday 14 December, 4.30-7.15pm. This is a very important evening for Years 12 and 13. Subject staff and the tutorial team will be on hand to discuss targets and progress being made. This is the first of two parents’ evenings for Years 12 and 13. The second takes place on 15 March 2018.

Carol Service - Our evening of readings and carol service takes place on Wednesday 20 December. Many parents and families make a special effort to ensure they do not miss this evening which is always excellent preparation for Christmas and reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. The evening begins at 7.00pm and everyone is most welcome to join us.

Governor Vacancies - We currently have two vacancies on our governing body - a foundation governor and a parent governor. In particular we are looking for people with experience in finance and law. If you know of anyone who is interested, further information can be obtained by visiting www.bdes.org.uk and clicking on ‘Service’ then ‘Admissions and Governance’. Alternatively, please contact Suzanne Harris, Clerk to the Governors at admin@cnncs.school.


Training Day Reminder - A reminder that next Friday, 15 December, is a training day and students are not in school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, Mrs Marina Kelly, Headteacher

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Coventry UK City of Culture for 2021

Congratulations to Coventry who beat off bids from Swansea, Stoke on Trent, Sunderland and Paisley to be named the UK City of Culture for 2021.

The UK City of Culture title is designed to use culture as a catalyst for economic and social regeneration and raise the profile of arts and creativity locally and across the country. It also helps cities develop a broader high quality arts and culture sector, as well as attract increased business investment and boost tourism.

Previous winners are Hull and Derry/Londonerry in 2013.

As part of the prize, Coventry will have access to a £3m Heritage Lottery grant.

For further information and to find out what events are taking place, visit www.coventry2021.co.uk
Advent Prayer

God of light and hope, look upon us in love and fill us with the spirit of Jesus, that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.

Protect us during this week and keep us in watchful prayer as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Christmas Extravaganza

On Wednesday 13th December between 6.00pm and 7.30pm you are welcome to join us for our Christmas Extravaganza performance in our newly refurbished Canon Diamond Theatre. On the evening there will be a wonderful display of festive talent from our Performing Arts students.

Tickets cost £5 for adults, £3 for children.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss S Smith, Head of Performing Arts

Results Round Up - week ending 8 December 2017

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Don't forget to check the school's website for all the latest news: www.cncs.school
You can also find us on Twitter at @newmancoventry and Facebook Cardinal Newman Catholic School Cov.
Chaplaincy Events

Blessing of the Crib - Sunday 4th December
On Sunday 4th December a large crowd gathered in the city centre to celebrate the blessing of the crib, listen to scripture and sing carols to mark the start of Advent.
A huge thank you to Sabrina Conkova who represented the school and read beautifully at the service.

Alton Castle - ARYPT - 1st-3rd December
On Friday 1st December, 15 wonderful Year 7 students had the opportunity to go on a very special Christmas retreat at Alton Castle with the Andrew Robinson’s Young People’s Trust.
They were joined by over 70 other students from Catholic primary and secondary schools in Coventry. The children took part in lots of activities including biking, archery and a very muddy trek! We had a huge Christmas dinner together followed by a beautiful Mass and a Christmas party with Santa, Mrs Claus and a very naughty elf who brought lots of presents for everyone.
The students were great ambassadors for the school and lots of fun was had by all.
A huge thank you to Maria Bracken, ARYPT and Alton Castle for giving us such a great retreat. A huge thank you to Vince Farrelly of VF Foods for the huge donation of cakes to enjoy while we were at the castle.

Reconciliation services - 7th December
On Thursday 7th December every student in Year 9 and 10 had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and have some time to reflect during this time of Advent. During Advent we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus and welcoming Christ into our lives and seeking forgiveness. Taking time to talk to God is an important part of this preparation.
Students first thought about the power of forgiveness through listening to Eva Kor a Holocaust survivor who forgave her Nazi persecutors. Students then had some time to examine their conscience, reflect and receive the sacrament of reconciliation. A huge thank you to Fr Pat, Fr Bernard, Fr Tony, Fr Tom and Fr Stephen who joined us throughout the day to hear confessions. Thank you to all the students involved for their reverence and respect.

Laura Byrne, Lay Chaplain
During the coming week we will be continuing our Advent Charity efforts. Students will be bringing home a list of events and activities so please keep an eye out for that and encourage everyone to get involved.

Project Elf

There are hundreds of children in Coventry who will not get a present this Christmas and there may even be some students in our school that we will never know about.

Project Elf is running for the second time this year. The project aims to create a gift bag of presents to the value of £25 that can be given to children and young people in Coventry. This could be anything from vouchers, CD’s, clothes, make up sets etc.

We are asking each tutor group to contribute to this initiative.

Heads of Year will be coordinating collections so more information to follow.

Advent Calendars ... In Reverse!

Each tutor group is going to be given 2 chocolate Advent calendars for their tutor room. Students will be asked, to donate items of food for Christmas hampers. As students put an item into the hamper they take a chocolate from the calendar.

With at least 50 days covered that’s at least 50 items that will be made into hampers to give to families in Coventry that will struggle to put food on the table this Christmas.

Cake Sale

Cake sales will take place on the following dates. Please donate cakes to your child’s year group and encourage them to buy some tempting treats on the day.

13th December - Year 8
18th December - Year 9
20th December - Year 10

Christmas Disco

Tickets are still available for the Christmas Disco on Tuesday 12 December, 6.00-8.00pm. Tickets are £2 and will be sold on a first come first served basis. In order to buy a ticket your son/daughter will also need their reply slip. Tickets are available from Student Reception.

Sarah Boyle, Assistant Headteacher