



**--- IMPORTANT NOTICE ---**

Please be very careful when parking on the school site tomorrow. Late arrivals (after 10.50am) **MAY NOT ENTER THE PLAYGROUND** as the children will be walking across to Church at that time. A gentle reminder please that all pupils should be smartly presented: clean uniform; hair brushed and tidy; shirts buttoned at the cuff and neck; ties tied and shoes polished. Thank you.

**DATES FOR THE START OF TERM**

Tuesday 5 January	Start of Spring Term
Wednesday 6	Feast of the Epiphany
Wednesday 13	Macbeth Workshop – Years 5 and 6
Friday 15	PTA New Year Disco

**The website will be updated regularly for those who wish to keep in touch over the holiday.**

**GOOD STUDENT BADGES**

Reception	Scarlett Wright	For working hard on our Christmas craft mornings
Year 1	Martha Ellis	For beautiful dancing in the nativity play
Year 2	Connor Kaszuba	For working hard in maths
Year 3	Fred Austin	For listening to "Beaver Towers" with such enthusiasm
Year 4	Rebecca Lond	For great improvement in her story writing
Year 5	Oliver Shine	For working hard on his prayer
Year 6	Lara Pain	For enthusiasm and cheerfulness all term

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Year 1 and Year 2 children who performed their Nativity, "A Present for the Baby" so well this week.

Alfie Davies, who competed in the Boars Head Golf Club Junior Coaching Series Tournament. He was tied first in competition playing against U14s and narrowly lost in the tie break to receive the runner up medal. Well done Alfie!

Podge O'Higgins, who was a double winner in the "Christmas Around the World" Wadhurst Rotary Club Poster competition. He won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Year 5 group **and** his poster was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the overall competition. Well done Podge!

Benedict Gabriel, received a "Highly Commended" certificate for his poster which was so good they thought it belonged in the Year 2 group. Well done Benedict, creativity ahead of your time!

Charlotte Craston, Leader of the Orchestra.

Martha Gabriel and Imogen Laurie, Leaders of the Choir.

*These music awards are made to pupils who are long serving members of the choir and/or orchestra and who have shown particular commitment and support to music and to Mrs Webster.*

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to the Martin-Young family on the arrival of Freddie, a brother for Sam.

## YEAR 6

Spare a thought for those members of Year 6 who will be spending some of their holiday revising for Common Entrance exams during January.

- Worth School - Saturday 9 January and Year 7 Scholarship Tests on Thursday 21 January.
- Beechwood Sacred Heart School - Saturday 16 January 8.30am-4.00pm.
- St Leonards-Mayfield – Friday 22 January Entrance and Scholarships; Saturday 23 January Gifted and Talented Scholarships.

## A Day of Reflection for Advent – *Finding God in Family Life*

St Cuthman's Retreat Centre, Coolham, nr Horsham is holding a day of reflection on Saturday 12 December 10.00am-4.00pm. The day will include time for individual and group reflection, and prayer on the home and the family. For more information see the *Events* page at [www.stcuthmans.com](http://www.stcuthmans.com), and to book telephone 01403 74122 or email [stcuthmans@dabnet.org](mailto:stcuthmans@dabnet.org).

## THANK YOU TO –

- To all who have worked so hard to make this busy end of term so enjoyable in different ways. I hope you have had the opportunity to join us at one of the events designed to remind us all of the true meaning of the season and provide a quiet moment of reflection in the midst of the inevitably hectic run up to Christmas.
- To all the staff for the all the “extras” which they perform so willingly at this time of year.
- To Mrs Johnson and her team on the PTA, especially for the children's party tea.
- To you all for your kind words and good wishes.

On behalf of the staff and governors we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year with your families. We look forward to seeing you all rested and well for the start of term at

8.45am on Tuesday 5 January 2010!

One final thank you to a very special member of our school community, Oliver's prayer says it all.

A prayer for Father Kevin by Oliver Shine.

*Dear Lord*

*Bless Father Kevin for all the things he does for us.*

*He looks after the school grounds by tidying the flower beds, builds bonfires and makes everything spick and span.*

*He is always caring for other people by listening to them and giving them advice. He always has a happy word for everyone.*

*I also want to thank Father myself for blessing me in mass.*

*Lord please bless Father for all the things he does and keep him safe.*

*Amen*