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**CARDINAL HEENAN**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
*Putting Our Faith in Education*

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Dear Parents

### Advent in School



Pupils have been active and enterprising in raising funds for CAFOD in recent weeks, led by members School Council. The sale of Christmas gifts is an especially popular fundraiser. Bun sales have also been amongst the highlights. Today we welcomed visiting priests who joined our Priest Chaplain, Fr Sean Crawley, to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was pleasing to see so many pupils receiving the sacrament. Although we have been bombarded for many weeks by the premature announcements of Christmas, the emphasis at Cardinal Heenan continues to be on the season of Advent. Inevitably, as in any school, we must be realistic and accept that aspects of Christmas are anticipated before the term finishes on 20 December. Our Carol Service in the School Hall on Monday 19 December at 7.00 pm is such an example. We hope that parents will join us on that evening. Our Advent programme, including the weekly lunchtime Mass, continues to give us all opportunities to prepare properly for the Feast of the Nativity on 25 December and to understand its true significance. Our pupils are also being encouraged to take part in services and Masses in their parishes to mark the seasons of Advent and Christmas over the coming weeks.



Stephen Lawrence  
EDUCATION STANDARD

### **Non-Uniform Day, Monday 19 December**

Pupils will be allowed to wear their own clothes on Monday 19 December in exchange for a donation of £1 to the Advent CAFOD appeal. The monies will be used to support some of the poorest people in the world. I know that we can rely on pupils to support the initiative. Prizes will be awarded to the best festive Christmas jumpers.

### **New Parental Communication System – School Gateway**

I am pleased to announce that today the school is introducing *School Gateway*, a new service designed to make communication with parents easier, faster and more effective. This means that we can share information with parents more quickly via email, text, online and the *School Gateway* smartphone app.

#### **Features that will be available immediately to parents include:-**

- Your child's timetable of lessons
- Attendance data (including unexplained absences)
- Send messages to school
- Receive school communications
- View your contact details

#### **Features that may be available to parents in the future include:-**

- Achievements
- Behaviour
- School reports
- Assessment results

### **What you need to do now**

**If you have a smartphone please download the app:** Search for the School Gateway app from your app store (Android and iPhone). Once downloaded, open the app and tap on 'New User'. You will receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to the School Gateway app. The app shows the same information as the website plus parents can now send app messages to the school free of charge. The school will also save money when we send text messages to parents.

**Alternatively please visit the website:** [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

Please add the email address and telephone number below to your contacts or trusted senders list. This will prevent messages from school going into your SPAM folder.

**Email -** [SC3834751a@schoolcomms.com](mailto:SC3834751a@schoolcomms.com)

**SMS (Texts) –** 01133 200 642

### **Can't activate your account?**

If you are having trouble activating your *School Gateway* account, it may be because school does not have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please telephone the school reception office on 887 3240 and we will check that the details on our system are correct. We hope that you will find *School Gateway* a valuable way to keep up to date with developments in school.

### **Donations for the Senior Citizens' Party**

Year 10 pupils are busy preparing for our Senior Citizens' Party, to be held on Thursday 15 December at 1.30pm. This an event that we hold every year in school. We invite elderly members of our local community to enjoy some festive food and fun in our School Hall. A food hamper is provided to those attending. Thank you to parents and pupils who have already donated raffle prizes and goods for the hampers. More items are needed, especially raffle prizes. If you know an elderly person in your community or parish who would enjoy such an occasion, please contact Miss Waite, Year Manager (887 3240).

**End of Term, Tuesday 20 December**

All pupils and staff will join together for an Advent liturgy on Tuesday 20 December, the last day of the school term. We hope that this service will help our pupils to reflect on all the activities in which they have participated during Advent and prepare them for Christmas, one of the most important Christian feasts. Following afternoon registration at the earlier time of 1.00pm, the school will finish for the Autumn term at 1.15pm. School buses will leave at 1.20 pm.

Next term begins on Wednesday 4 January at 8.55 am for all pupils.

**Canon Wiley**

Congratulations to Rev Timothy Wiley, Parish Priest of St John Mary Vianney, on being installed as a Canon of the Chapter of Leeds Cathedral!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E A Cox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

E A Cox  
*Headteacher*