

# ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## DEAR PARENT/CARER

### **SCHOOL BUILDING FUND – Have you sent in your contribution to our schools building fund?**

Because we are a Catholic School we do not get as much money to spend on repairs as state funded schools. The Government expects us to raise 10% of capital and essential improvements from parents and to do this our school asks each parent to contribute £5.00 a term or £15.00 a year to our school Building Fund. If you have not yet made your contribution please do so.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILD TO BE BAPTISED?**

**If so please come along** to the next baptism meeting for parents which will be at **1.00PM ON SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY IN ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH**. At this meeting the arrangements for baptism will be outlined and available dates discussed.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS WOLANSKI'S CLASS 1WO AND MISS McWALTERS'S CLASS 4M** who have won our Magnificent Attendance Trophy for their excellent attendance last week. **Haven't they done well.**

**CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO JAMIE-LEIGH NELSON**, a former pupil, who starred as Jill in the St James Pantomime Players production of Jack and the Beanstalk over the weekend. It was a lovely production and Jamie's performance was delightful. Well done Jamie. Our staff love to hear of the exploits of present and former pupils in events like these so please let us know if your child does anything of note.

**EARLY TODAY ROSEMARY MONAGHAN A CAFOD WORKER AND PRESENTER** led a very informative assembly on Climate change and our need to care for our planet. We will be working on this theme in school over the next few weeks and contribute art work for a Bradford Catholic Schools art display on this topic.

**READING AT HOME. ENSURING THAT YOUR CHILD READS AT HOME EACH EVENING AND WEEKEND IS** (after ensuring your child's good attendance) the major thing you can do to help your child make good progress at school. At the end of each school day your child will come home with material to read that evening or weekend. Some children will be able to do this on their own and others will need you or another family member to read with or to them. Please ensure this reading work is done and the record sent home to show this signed.

**ARE YOU A PARENT WITH A YOUNG PRE-SCHOOL CHILD/CHILDREN?** If so and you would like to meet with other parents with toddlers please come to this club which meets every Tuesday 9.00am to 11.00am in our Conference Room. Refreshments are available and toys for the children and our Parent Involvement Worker will be in attendance to answer any queries you may have about the school and education and related matters. If you are free do come along.

### **FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION.**

**If you did not attend** the First Communion Meeting for parents on 7<sup>th</sup> January and want your child to make his/her First Communion this year please contact Mrs Sharp in the school office in person or by phone (01274) 681961. Children will be considered for preparation if they are in year 3 and above.

### **BAD WEATHER INFORMATION**

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR INFORMING PARENTS IF SCHOOL HAS TO CLOSE OR NOT OPEN. SCHOOL WILL ALWAYS OPEN AND STAY OPEN UNLESS IT IS BROADCAST ON RADIO PULSE THAT OUR SCHOOL HAS CLOSED OR WILL NOT OPEN TODAY. THIS INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE** text and emailed to you, if we have your mobile and email address and it will also be put on our website [www.stcolumbas.bradford.sch.uk](http://www.stcolumbas.bradford.sch.uk) and Bradford Council Schools Online website. **SO IF IT'S NOT BROADCAST WE ARE CLOSED WE WILL BE OPEN.** If you would like to be put on our texting and emailing list please contact the school office in person or on 01274 681961.