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# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



*“Nothing is impossible with God” (Luke 1:37)*

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*My name is Ms E. McDonagh and on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, I was appointed to the role of Executive Headteacher at St Francis of Assisi, by the Governing Board.*



*I will be working with Mrs Snejberkova-Taylor, Deputy Headteacher, the staff team, Governors, parents/carers and the parish, in taking St Francis of Assisi on the next stage of its journey. I am really looking forward to meeting, and getting to know everyone.*

*St Francis of Assisi is a unique and special school. It is warm and welcoming and has the best interests of the children at the heart of every decision.*

*I thought it might be useful to share a little about my vision, experience and what qualifies me to take up such an important position.*

*This will be my third headship. My substantive headship to date, at Holy Rosary and St Anne's in Chapeltown, Leeds, has been for the 12 years. The school has moved from satisfactory to good and maintained this judgement in recent years, despite the many changes in the OFSTED inspection framework. We have achieved excellent results not just academically, but also in singing, as the Cathedral Choir School and in athletics, as West Yorkshire Indoor athletic champions, in the last four years.*

*I look forward to meeting and getting to know our children and families and working together to achieve the best outcomes possible.*

*God bless*

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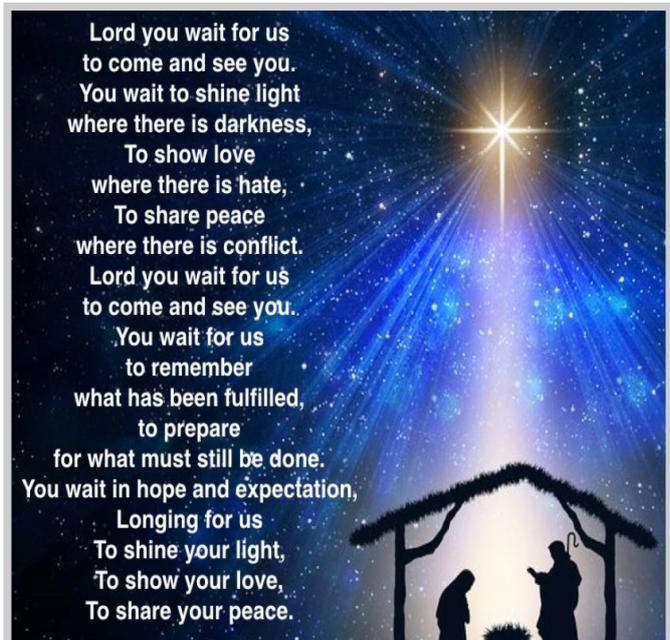
## Please help us to support two **Catholic Care Appeals**

- ◆ **Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Dash (Fri 11 Dec)** - come dressed in your best festive jumper, enjoy a fun Santa dash with your classmates and **contribute £1** to help the vulnerable and disadvantaged.
- ◆ **Christmas Food Hampers (anytime during December)** - please **bring any non-perishable food items** and help us support the hungry.



## Advent & Christmas Diary Dates:

- ⇒ Mon 30 Nov - Y3/4 Advent Assembly
- ⇒ Tue 1 Dec - Christmas Tree Decorating
- ⇒ Thu 3 Dec - Advent Mass (online)
- ⇒ Tue 8 Dec - Y1/2 Carol Singing
- ⇒ Fri 11 Dec - Christmas Jumper Day (£1 contribution)
- ⇒ Fri 11 Dec - Santa Dash (in bubbles)
- ⇒ Fri 11 Dec - Y5/6 Advent Assembly
- ⇒ Mon 14 Dec - Award Ceremony (in bubbles)
- ⇒ Tue 15 Dec - Y5/6 Disco & Party Day
- ⇒ Wed 16 Dec - Y3/4 Disco & Party Day
- ⇒ Thu 17 Dec - Y1/2 Disco & Party Day
- ⇒ Fri 18 Dec - Nur/Rec Disco & Party Day
- ⇒ Fri 18 Dec - School closes for Christmas (at 2pm)



## *Y6 Into University Week*

*Last week, Year 6 had a wonderful focus week at Into University studying World War II.*

*This consisted of many exciting activities: building Anderson shelters and testing their strength if a bomb was to land; completing a secret mission all about key figures from WWII; learning how to be spies and write a secret code; and also learning lots about university and how to aim high in our future careers.*

*To top the week off beautifully, the children all wore cap and gowns for their graduation ceremony. It was a fun filled, learning rich week with excellent behaviour from all.*

*Well done!*

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The **PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION** round for any child who will be 4 years old on 1 Sep 2021 is now open for both of our parish schools. It closes on 15 Jan 2021. Parents need to complete both the Leeds City Council online admission form and the school Supplementary Information Form (SIF), handing this form directly to the school.