

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

A massive well done to the Parents' Association (STBSA) who organised a fun packed **Christmas Fair** last weekend and to all the parents and children who came along to support. All monies raised will all go towards supporting school improvements initiatives for all our children.

Church News

There will be an "Everyone's Nativity" held on **Sunday 15th December at 2pm** at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church followed by refreshments in the large hall.

If any child OR adult would like to take part please come to the church on the day dressed as a character from the Nativity. It doesn't matter how many Mary's, Joseph's, Donkeys, Innkeepers, Stars, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels and King Herod's we have, everyone will be included!

All members of the Parish are welcome!



Dates For Your Diary



Wednesday 11 December 2019

On Wednesday 11th December the school choir and all junior classes will take part in a **Carol Service** at

Our Lady of the Annunciation Church.

This will commence at 2.00pm and finish at 3.00pm.

All are welcome to join us for a traditional musical celebration of the Nativity Story.

Please note that all junior classes will travel to the church that afternoon with teachers and so all children in these classes will need to be collected by parents at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church at 3.00pm.



Children's Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17 December

Admissions consultation

2021/22 Admission Consultation

In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2014, St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School is now consulting on its draft Admission Criteria for children starting school in September 2021.

The draft Admission Criteria for 2021/22 can be found on the school [website https://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk/](https://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk/)

The consultation period lasts from Monday 9 December 2019 to Friday 31 January 2020 and all responses must be received within this time period. Responses can be sent directly to the school or by responding by email to admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk



This Christmas, after 37 years working at Becket, **Pat O'Sullivan**, one of our lunchtime supervisors, has decided to retire. Pat has been a mainstay of the school throughout the years and we will miss her youthful energy and fantastic commitment to our children. For all your devotion to our children through wind, rain and sun, we thank you Pat.

Christmas Wear Mufti Day

To coincide with the children's Christmas dinner on **Tuesday 17th December** we will also be having a Christmas wear mufti day (please bring a donation of £1.00).



All money raised will be sent to our charity of choice this Christmas which is the NSPCC

Fond Farewell

Miss Courcey will be retiring from full-time teaching at the end of this term. It is often said that a good teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart. It would be difficult to find a more fitting description of Miss Courcey, a teacher who has defined the nature of Thomas Becket, as a school, over **36 years** of devoted and committed service.

Becket was Miss Courcey's first school and, fortunately for Becket children, she never saw any reason to find another. As KS2 leader and RE leader (including delivering the 1st Holy Communion programme in school for many years) she has supported the school to achieve outstanding judgements in both Ofsted and Diocesan inspections and can be rightly proud of her achievements as a teacher and senior leader.

But the fun side of Miss Courcey is never far away and her many and varied Book Week outfits attest to the fact that she is always 'game for a laugh'. Her warm personality has made her a natural mentor, especially to younger staff who have always found her to be a willing confidante, when needed.

For the way she has taught, the knowledge she shared, the care she took and the love she showered on so many children and colleagues we can only express our heartfelt thanks.

Her legacy resides in the curious minds, able writers and mathematicians and confident young people she has inspired over 36 years. She leaves with our gratitude for all her inspiration, excellence and the friendship she has extended to children, staff and parents over a consummate career.

Thank you Miss Courcey!!!



Christmas Break

We will be closing for the Christmas break on Friday 20 December at **2.00pm**. School will reopen for children on Monday 6th January 2020.

The staff at St Thomas Becket School wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!