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- Levi B-R
- Alessia L
- Lucy C
- Dexter D
- Essie B
- Josie B
- George L
- Sebastian M
- Jasper B
- Emma Mc
- Oliver B-Z
- Mia G
- Matteo L
- Grace G
- Billy L
- Aimee C
- Arabella A
- Reegan B
- Luna-Elizabeth C
- Alana M
- Lola Mc
- Libby T
- Isaiah B
- Sophia N

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st December	Advent begins and our school Christmas tree arrives!!
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Craft Day-Children bring a £1 donation
Wk Beg 7th December	Treasure Box gifting-Reception
Wednesday 9th December	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch EYFS & Year 2-Carols around the Crib-information to follow
Monday 14th December	Santa Storytime-children bring a £2 donation EYFS-party afternoon-information to follow
Tuesday 15th December	Year 5 Carols around the Crib - details to follow Year 1-party afternoon-information to follow
Wednesday 16th December	Year 1 & 4-Carols around the Crib-information to follow
Thursday 17th December	Year 3 & 6 -Carols around the Crib-information to follow Year 4 -party afternoon-information to follow
Friday 18th December	Year 5 Christmas party - details to follow Virtual Advent Assembly-in school, led by Year
Monday 21st December-Monday 4th January	Christmas Holiday

School Website

Please log on to our school website, all information, copies of letters and newsletters are easily accessible.
www.staugustines.npcat.org.uk
 You can also follow all our latest news on Twitter: @StAugustinesSc1 and on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/St-Augustines-Catholic-Primary-School



Christmas Lunch

We will be having Christmas lunch on **Friday 11th December**. If your child doesn't usually have a hot meal they are welcome to join us on that day-please ring Mrs Whittaker in the school office to book lunch for your child-payment needs to be via ParentPay, £2.10.

Please contact Mrs Whittaker by Friday 4th December so that our kitchen staff know how many children they are catering for.

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Advent-a time for getting ready

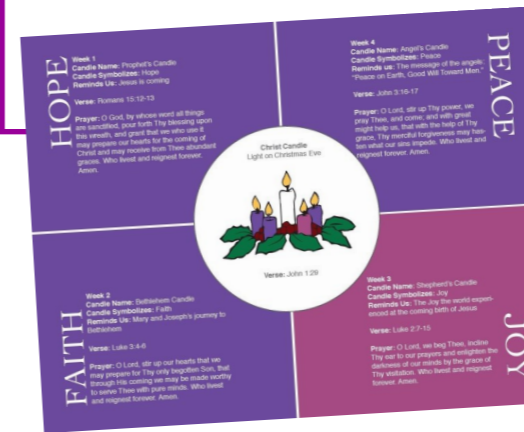
Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Advent comes from the Latin word meaning 'coming' where the birth of Jesus gives us great joy in our lives.

This week we light the candle of Hope and pray for everyone in our school, parish, trust communities and beyond that they find hope and strength during these challenging times and know that Jesus's light shines for all of us.

We come into this Advent in quarantine and isolation. We are far from embraces and kisses. Our masks make it hard to believe in the smiles they cover.

Remember that Jesus is the reason for this season. Have a happy and holy Christmas.

Mrs Rehbohm



Carols around the Crib

Due to Middlesbrough being in Tier 3 we have had to rethink our plans for nativity/carol concerts this year.

We are planning to carry out simple 'Carols Around the Crib' performances to share with you. These will be done in class bubbles and we are hoping to stream them live via our social media sites. We will also be recording them and uploading the videos to Google Classrooms and the class pages on our website. Please bear with us as we explore the best way to do this so that as many of our families will feel a part of these performances. We are also hoping to stream carols to our local Care Homes.

Those children whose parents haven't given permission for their child to appear on the website/social media etc will still take part but will not appear on camera.



School Attendance

Attendance continues to be outstanding with our whole school attendance for November being **98.2%!!**

Thank you so much for your support with this.



Reception	99.5%
Year 1	97.79%
Year 2	99.19%
Year 3	98.31%
Year 4	94.44%
Year 5	99.36%
Year 6	96.7%



Staying safe...

Thank you for keeping our whole community safe.

Please wear a mask when dropping off/picking up your child.

Parents should not enter the school building without a prearranged appointment.

Ensure you adhere to staggered drop off/pick up times where possible.

Please only allow one adult on the playground to pick up a child.

Please keep your child at your side when on the playground.

Continue to adhere to social distancing on the playground-do not allow households to mix.

If you have Covid symptoms, are awaiting the results of a test or have been told to self isolate please DO NOT enter the school site.



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th December

Even though we're in lockdown, this is a day you can safely enjoy wherever you are; at school, working from home or with your family. Christmas Jumper Day will help children have fun, be healthy, learn things, and change the future! With less than 2 weeks to go, it's time to get your jumper ready! You don't need a new one; you could upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local Save the Children shop for a pre-loved festive knit.

Together we'll help this year not be so bad, and make the world better with a sweater.

Please donate via our 'justgiving' page (link below and on our social media pages)

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200017608>

December is the month of Advent

This month our Mini Vinnies and Chaplaincy team have set up Advent themed prayer spaces in our school Chapel.

We are so lucky to have the Chapel in the heart of our school; it is place to unite our school family even when we can't mix bubbles.

This year we can't send home our usual travelling cribs so Mrs Nicholson has suggested families make their own crib to display at home (a pack will be sent home to those who would like one). Every class will have a crib scene displayed in their sacred space in classrooms allowing children the opportunity for quiet reflection.



Cause Hampers



In December 1987 the first 25 hampers from the CAUSE Christmas Hamper Campaign were delivered.

One of our new school governors and founder, Pat McBride, tells how it all began; "

The inspiration for what I and so many others now do was a pastoral council meeting when a young mother called Carol spoke about the impact of her husband being unemployed. She told us how they had sunk into depths of despair but had been lifted out of it by acts of kindness and love. That year I worked with pupils at Newlands School, where I was teaching, and got together 25 hampers."

What makes the CAUSE Christmas Hamper Campaign so unique is that although the families remain anonymous, the family dynamics are passed on to those who prepare the hamper which allows it to be personalised to the needs of that particular family.

The Hamper Campaign is now active in over 22 schools across Teesside with this number rising annually as past pupils introduce it into their schools, workplaces and homes.

This year we are collecting for 7 families across Teesside; each year group has been assigned a family. We are collecting gifts and food to help make a family's Christmas better. If you know of any families in our school who would benefit from support please get in touch with Mrs Rehbohm or Mrs Nicholson.

All donations need to be in school by Wednesday 9th December.

Thank you for your support so far; we are truly overwhelmed by the response so far.

Well done!

We closed our first class bubble this half term but we wanted to say well done to our **Year 4** class. Working from home is very tricky but all of our Year 4 children logged in to Google Classroom and accessed the daily learning set by Mr Robbins. There were some super Roman shields made!!



PTFA

Fundraising

This year we are unable to have our usual Christmas Fair but our fantastic PTFA still want to raise money for our school in slightly different ways.

On **Wednesday 2nd December** we are asking all children to bring in **£1**-every child will then create a Christmas themed craft to bring home.

On **Monday 14th December** we will be having a visit from Santa!! He will be reading Christmas stories to each bubble with his special elf helpers. We ask that all children bring in **£2** on that day and they will bring home a little gift.

Christmas raffle hampers

The PTFA will be making three Christmas hampers to raffle. We would appreciate donations for one of the hampers- 1. adult gifts, 2. children's gifts, 3. alcohol and chocolate. Please bring any donations directly to the school office. Raffle tickets will be sent home for you to buy over the next week.

