



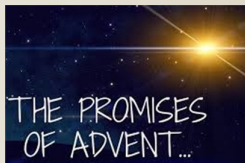
Newsletter 12 2019/20

This Week

Advent Liturgies

Each class has taken part in an Advent Liturgy this week, these have helped us to start our Advent journey. Thanks to those who were able to join us.

Children have also made their Advent promises this week, ask them what they have chosen to do so



Dear Parents,

The run up to Christmas has really started in school and classrooms have been especially busy this week.

Buying presents, decorations and planning our Christmas meal are all good ways of preparing for Christmas. But through all these preparations we do need to keep in mind the real reason for all these festivities, It is important that we spend some time preparing ourselves too, In this Sundays Gospel we hear John the Baptist calling the people to repent. (to come to God) and to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival.



Food Bank

Our 'Leading Lights' (children from Y6 who help with collective worship and charity work) have asked that we try to support those families at Christmas who rely on food banks. I appreciate that you have been generous in many ways this term, but if you are able to send a tin or two into school, we will make sure that they are sent to support families in need.

Playground Safety

I have reminded the children that they should not be bringing in balls from home to play with on the playground. A parent has been knocked with a ball this week which shouldn't happen. Children have access to lots of playground equipment at play times and lunchtimes so there is no need to bring additional things in. Thank you for your support with this

Christmas Family Challenge

This year, we would like you to make an angel! Use whatever you like, make it as big or small as you like. All entries welcome! A small prize for all entries and a prize for the top 3 as judged by our Chair of Governors, Miss Sarah Smith.





Class Mass

Father Simon was very pleased with Miss Baker's class on Tuesday when he took Mass for them.



Attendance this week

FS1	94.2%	Y3	98.7%
FS2	98%	Y4	93.5%
Y1	91.1%	Y5	98.1%
Y2	93.8%	Y6	95.3%

House of the Week

1st Our Lady 306
 2nd St Anthony 298
 3rd St Joseph 248
 4th St Cuthbert 230

Christmas Fair

Thanks to all those who joined us for our Christmas Fair on Thursday afternoon. The children have worked hard this week making crafts to sell and we had a really busy afternoon and raised over £600 which is amazing.

Please don't forget to collect any raffle prizes won from the office.

Travelling Crib

Children from FS1 to Y2 will have the opportunity to bring the nativity story book and a crib home during the next few weeks. This is an opportunity to share the story of Jesus' birth at home. Children are asked to return the next day so all children get the oppor-

Car Treasure Hunt—Money Spent

Thanks to those who attended the treasure hunt in the summer, we have been able to buy some microphones and speakers for the school hall. Particular thanks to Pollyanna's parents for donating their prize money.

Stars of the Week

Little Joeys Rory
 FS1 Frankie
 FS2 Bella & Charlotte
 Y1 Emily & Lucy
 Y2 Jolie & Bruce
 Y3 Olivia & Isobel
 Y4 Archie & Quinn
 Y5 Eva & Lewis
 Y6 Layla & Rory





Next Week

Secrets Room

The elves have been busy shopping and our Secrets Room will be set to open on Monday 16th December. Children will bring letters home so that you can order a gift if you would like too. Help setting up the Secrets Room on Friday 13th from 9am would be very much appreciated. Refreshments available!

FS Christmas Performance

I am sure you will have the date in your diaries! Little Joeys, FS1 and FS2 will perform 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' on Tuesday 10th at 10.45am. All welcome to come along and enjoy this special event.

Termly Reports

Children will bring termly reports home next Friday.

Have a fantastic weekend

A Toward

Head Teacher

Panto

The children have had a really lovely day today, they all looked great in their Christmas jumpers (staff too!). If the laughter and cheering coming from the hall is anything to go by, the children have really enjoyed the panto.

KS1 Christmas Performance

Another date for your diaries. Miss Hortons's and Miss Ayton's Classes will perform 'A midwife Crisis' on Thursday 12th at 2pm. Everyone more than welcome.

Disco

Silly Steve will be coming to St Joseph's to entertain the children from 5.30pm until 7pm on Thursday 12th (Give yourselves time to vote!). I am told that there might be another surprise visitor too! Tickets are available from the school office- £3 to include a gift from you know who! There will be refreshments to buy at the disco.



NPCAT Carol Service

Y3 will represent us at the NPCAT Choir Service on the afternoon of Monday 9th. This event will take place at the Cathedral in Coulby Newham and we will be joined by children from a number of other NPCAT schools. Children will be back in school for the end of the school day.

KS1 Visit

On Friday Y1 & 2 will be visiting a residents care home in Saltburn to put on their nativity and exchange Christmas cards.

Snappy Christmas

Y4 children will be taking part in the TVMS 'Snappy Christmas' concert on Wednesday 11th. Parents of Y4 children are welcome to go along to Eston Leisure Centre for 1pm to enjoy our children singing with other children from Redcar and Cleveland schools. For Tickets go to www.billetto.co.uk search snappy Christmas.