



# Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is the first Sunday of Advent on 29<sup>th</sup> November. The reading from St Mark's Gospel tells us to prepare: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from his home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own work to do; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow or dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I am saying to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

First Sunday of Advent  
Mark 13:33-37

Waiting for the Lord



## Christmas Songs

Classes are learning a number of Christmas songs and we will 'release' one at a time during Advent. We hope you will enjoy them.



## Advent Liturgies

All classes will take part in bubble Advent liturgies across next week. It is sad that you can't join us for them this year as they are always really prayerful occasions where the children are encouraged to think about how they can get ready for Christmas. Teachers will share some photographs so that you can see what the children have been involved in.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> FS1 FS2

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Y5 Y6

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Y3 Y4

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Y1 Y2

## Advent Assembly

Miss Ayton's class will help us to prepare for Advent during their assembly on Monday. She will 'release' the assembly so that you can see what the children have done. Look out for it on our school website, Facebook and Twitter pages.

## Phonics Check

Y2 children will complete the Y1 Phonics Check that was due to take place in June. Unfortunately the government still wants these to take place. Miss Ayton will work individually with children across the week.

## Christmas Crafts

Although we are unable to have our Christmas Fair, the children are going to have a craft afternoon next week and you can purchase these if you like via ParentPay.



## Thinking of others

Our Leading Lights from Y6 have asked that we do something to support those who may go hungry this Christmas. We have been in touch with the local food bank and have arranged to take any donations in. Any donations you can make would be very gratefully received.

Thank you to Y6 for thinking of others at Christmas.



## Daily Prayer

The Cardinal and Bishops have asked us all to pause and pray at 6pm each day. This is to pray for the end of the pandemic and those who are affected. NPCAT schools have been asked to write prayers for publication on their website. A huge well done to Matthew C from Y6 who was one of the very first children to have their prayer chosen.

## Collection from school

Thank you to those who are adhering to school policy with regard to collecting children from school. A reminder that you should only come in time to collect children so that you are not waiting on the playground. Please maintain a social distance and leave the school site promptly. We seem to have a small amount of children arriving late for school or being picked up late. Please check times so that children get settled into school quickly each morning and that they are not upset if they are left after other children have gone. My final reminder is that children should only be collected by adults over the age of 16 who are part of your household. We must stick to government guidance and should not be asked to ignore this by being asked to send children with different adults each night. I am sure you understand how important this is.

## FS2

The FS2 children continue to enjoy their balance bike sessions. They are becoming confident (and competitive!) The children have 2 more sessions left, one on the 8th December and another on the 15th.



## All things Christmas - Advance Notice!

### Christmas Cards

Children can send Christmas cards into school. They need to be in school by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Rather than sending them out as they arrive, they will be quarantined for a few days and then Y6 will sort them and send them out to classes.

Deadline for payments  
via ParentPay. Please  
do not send cash into  
school.

Date	Event	
<u>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	Christmas Craft afternoon	Individual class costs 7 <sup>th</sup> December
<u>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	Children can bring a Christmas story to school if they would like to. Books will stay in school until 11 <sup>th</sup> , please put your child's name in books.	
<u>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	Y3 Y4 Christmas songs released online	
<u>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	Y5 Y6 Christmas songs released online	
<u>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	Christmas Story Day - Children can wear Christmas pyjamas/jumpers Last day for entries to Christmas Challenge	
<u>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	Secrets Room FS Christmas performance released online	£2.50 11 <sup>th</sup> December
<u>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	Secrets Room KS1 Christmas Performance released online	£2.50 11 <sup>th</sup> December
	Christmas lunch	£2.10 4 <sup>th</sup> December
<u>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	FS KS1 Christmas Parties. Children can wear party clothes (as long as suitable for all day in school) Each child brings their own party picnic/treats. School will provide drinks. Christmas Raffle	£1 a virtual strip 15 <sup>th</sup> December
<u>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	KS2 Christmas Parties. Children can wear party clothes (as long as suitable for all day in school) Each child brings their own party picnic/treats. School will provide drinks. Christmas Raffle	£1 a virtual strip 15 <sup>th</sup> December

## SCHOOL OFFICE

Our Office times are as follows:

Monday & Tuesday - 8am till 4:30pm

Weds, Thurs & Fri -8:30am till 4pm

Please note that the office is closed each day from 3pm till 3:30pm.

### House of the Week

1st-St Anthony 129 points

2nd-Our Lady 115 points

3rd-St Joseph's 109 points

4th-St Cuthbert 103 points

### Rockstars

Y2—Joseph

Y3—Ellie

Y4—Jack

Y5— Holly

Y6—Isaac C

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Little Joey's- Harriet

FS1- William & Isaac

FS2- Tabitha & Cimmera

Y1- Charley & Imogen

Y2- Lucy D & Orlaith

Y3- Mason & Maisie

Y4- Layla & Sienna

Y5- Lucy & Ben

Y6- Max & Ella