



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again it has been a very busy week in the life of the school. As we enter the holy season of Advent perhaps let us just take a moment to reflect on why we have so much to plan and do at this time of year.

The word Advent originates from a Latin word "Adventus" which means "coming" or "arrival." Therefore, Advent is focused on preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ in all ways, from His birth in the past to His Second Coming in the future as the Messiah.

For Catholics, Advent is a meaningful season that reminds us of the reality of Jesus Christ and that He has come and He is present in our world and lives. The birth of Jesus is worth celebrating because it reveals His human side and is therefore an example of how we should live our own lives as his followers here on earth.

So, in the craziness that is the next few weeks try to take a moment to stop and reflect on the real meaning of Advent and Christmas. With the current financial situation gripping the country and every family looking at their own finances remember that there is a deeper reason behind this special holy time of year. The best present you can give your child this Christmas is your presence so enjoy Advent and the time of getting ready for the birth of Jesus Christ.

L is for Love – Children in Distress Shoebox Appeal 2022

The charitable organisation would like to thank your overwhelming generosity with this appeal. The amount of kindness and love shown in the shoeboxes this year was somewhat humbling- thank you.

I is for Inspire- Y5/6 Careers Lessons

Next week children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be looking at careers sessions under the theme of breaking the stereotypes. We hope they will enjoy these sessions and they will get them thinking about their future careers.

G is for Greatness- Be Internet Legends Assembly

On Thursday Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in an important assembly on Internet safety. It might be worth asking them a few questions on Thursday Evening to see what they have understood.

I is for Inspire- Kitchen vacancy

We have a vacancy in the kitchen to support the provision of school lunches for 1 hour a day from January. If this is something you are interested in, please get in touch with the school for further information.

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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H is for Happy- Christmas- Please see a full list of all events

Advent Stay & Pray Sessions:

We would like to invite you to our Advent Liturgies to mark the start of Advent next week. Classes in pairs will share their prayer time with any visitors at the end of a busy school day on the following days:

- Monday 28th November 2.30pm Year 1 & Year 2
- Wednesday 30th November 2.30pm Year 5 & Year 6
- Thursday 1st December 2.30pm Year 3 & Year 4

Christmas Fair: Friday 2nd December at 1.30pm

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching!

We hope you can join us on Friday 2nd December 1.30pm for lots of Christmas festivities.

Children can wear non-uniform on the day in exchange for some chocolate towards our chocolate tombola stall.

This year, make a variety of Christmas crafts in each classroom, enjoy refreshments, visit an array of stalls, have your face painted, have a go on the chocolate tombola and maybe even visit the big man himself!

We will be joined by lots of fantastic local businesses including:

Little Grey's Creations, Laurens craft station', Arctic Foxx Ices' Wilde About Flowers

The Brown Box' Goathland Shop' Hand Stamped With Love

Sandcastle Craft, Temple Spa' Body Shop

Plus jewellery sets, hand poured wax melt sets, Christmas decorations and many more!

Christmas Performances:

Foundation Stage Thursday 8th December at 10am.

Year 1 and Year 2 Friday 9th December at 1.30pm.

Christmas Events:

Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 8th December

Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 13th December at 12.00pm (children can wear Christmas jumpers)

Christmas Rudolph Run: Wednesday 14th December 1.30pm (children can wear Christmas jumpers)

Christmas Party Day: Thursday 15th December (children can wear Christmas jumpers/no school uniform)

Christmas Disco: Thursday 15th December at 5.00pm

Christmas Panto: Friday 16th December at 9.00am (as we will be back late from the panto we will not be having carols on this the last day of term).

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H is for Happy- Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked really well:

- FS1-Sebastian & Arthur G
- FS2- Harley & Elsie
- Y1- Ellis & Charlie
- Y2- Gabby & Gabriel
- Y3- Bella & Charlotte
- Y4- Toby & Oliver
- Y5- Ava & Darcy
- Y6- Olivia & Harvey

Final thoughts an Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

Warmest Wishes,

Mr Geaves
Executive Head Teacher

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