

Monday 4th December 2023

First Week of Advent

The first week of Advent is the **candle of hope**. During the first week of Advent we are encouraged to think about how, at Christmas, Jesus, the Son of God, was born into our world to show us how to live in hope.

To help us do this, an important lesson Jesus taught was that we should love one another. We are like bright stars when we let God's love and hope shine through us.

In this prayer for the first week of Advent, pray for peace on earth and hope in your heart.

**Heavenly Father,
in Advent we remember the importance of hope. Help us to always have hope in you and to share this hope with others through our kindness and our prayers.
Amen**



This is our December newsletter keeping you up to date with what is going on in school. The newsletters are uploaded onto our school website and our Facebook page. If a paper copy is preferred, please let the office know and a paper copy will be given to the eldest pupil in the family to take home.

Christmas Fayre Friday 8th December

Children may be picked up from their usual place at **1:15pm**.

(Please note there is no pm session for Nursery children this day)

Once children have been collected, please queue at the main doors into the KS2 building near the school office with the overflow queueing on the Junior yard rather than the driveway for your safety. The doors will open in the junior building at **1:30pm**. This will give the teachers time to go to their stall after dismissal.

All children who are collected at 1:15pm are then in their parent/carers care and are able to go home after they have visited the Fayre.

If children are not collected at 1:15pm from the yard, they will be working on the stalls with their class teachers and may be collected as normal at 3:15pm. At some point during the afternoon, they will have the opportunity to also visit the Fayre.

Tea, coffee and hot chocolate will be on sale in Mrs Freer's classroom (which will be signposted).

Stalls include a bottle stall, raffles, toys and craft stalls that the children have been working hard to prepare and make. In addition, there will of course be Santa's Grotto.

Donations for all stalls welcome! Any cake donations would be very welcome and may be dropped off from tomorrow please.



Whole School Christmas Mass In Church

Thursday 21st December 9:30am



After Mass all parents/carers and parishioners are welcome to meet in the Infant hall for a cup of tea/coffee and a mince pie/cake.

Additional dates for December

Wednesday 6th Dec-Year 2 Celebration of the Word-9:10am-Prayer room KS1 building (parents/carers welcome).

Wednesday 6th Dec-Final Toddlers' session 1:30-3:00pm-Christmas party session!

Wednesday 6th Dec-NON-UNIFORM-any further **Fayre donations very welcome. (particularly short of bottles and toiletries)**

Wednesday 6th Dec First Holy Communion 5.30 pm Meeting in church Y4-6-Introductory session

Friday 8th Dec-Year 3 Celebration of the Word-9:10am-Prayer room KS1 building (parents/carers welcome).

Friday 8th Dec -CHRISTMAS FAYRE 1:30pm, pick up 1:15pm

Mon 11th Dec - Advent 2-led by Mrs Freer's class-all welcome 9:10am- KS2 hall

Mon 11th Dec-Town's Christmas Carol concert 2pm- St Cuthberts Church Selected children taking part - All welcome

Tues 12th Dec-Christmas Carol Concert St Bedes school Year 5 5:45pm -7:00pm (letter going out today)

Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 13th December-packed lunch children can order a dinner-please contact the school office.

Nativity-EYFS and KS1

Friday 15th December 1:30pm in Church

Mon 18th Dec – Advent 3-led by Miss Mather's class-all welcome 9:10am- KS2 hall

Mon 18th Dec– Key Stage 2 Christmas concert 1:30pm – Junior Hall

Tues 19th – EYFS and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Party -pm-£2 per child payable on ParentPay to cover food costs-please **note no am session for Nursery this day-all children come for 12:30pm!**

Wed 20th – KS2 Christmas Party (Years 3-6)-pm-£2 per child payable on ParentPay to cover food costs

Thurs 21st – Mass in Church prepared by Y5-Mrs Sweeney's class 9:30am-All welcome!

Fri 22nd Dec-School breaks up at 1pm (Please note tea-time club will not be available this day). Nursery will be closed all day Fri 22nd Dec.

School breaks up for Christmas at 1:00pm

Friday the 22nd December

A morning of fun with a Christmas film and hot chocolate.

Present from Santa Claus for every child!



Please note Nursery breaks up after the last session Thursday 21st December.

There will be no tea-time club available on Friday 22nd December

Here is a link to the local offer if you need any SEND support:

[Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) and our Local Offer - Durham County Council](#)

A Merry Christmas to you all.

God bless you and your family with peace and joy for the year to come. Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Graham & Mrs. Sutherland

Christ at the centre, children at the heart



School returns on Monday 8th January 2024