



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

This Advent, the children of Our Lady of the Rosary have actively lived out the true meaning of Advent through the many activities that have taken place over this period. We have very much enjoyed inviting families and friends to the EYFS and KS1 Nativity, Christmas concerts and our weekly Advent Celebrations of the Word. Our Year 5 children were amazing at St Bede's school last week and some of our EYFS and KS2 pupils performed in the local community Carol Service at St Cuthbert's last Monday as well! The children rose to the challenge and sung their hearts out!

Our final Advent celebration takes place tomorrow in Church where we would like to invite everyone to join in our whole school Christmas Mass at 9:30am. After Mass, all parents/carers and parishioners are welcome to meet in the Junior hall for a cup of tea/coffee and a mince pie or piece of cake.

Thank you everyone for supporting our local food bank at this busy time of year. Your kindness will be very much appreciated in the local community. We have seen as always great amounts of generosity from our school community supporting the reverse Advent calendar and donating gifts and items for our own school fayre. We appreciate there is a lot of pressure on families particularly at this time of year and we are always overwhelmed with the generosity we see. The proceeds from the Fayre came to an amazing £1252 which includes a £97.50 CAFOD donation raised by the CAFOD group. A huge vote of thanks to ASDA for their very generous donations to our chocolate raffle. Mrs Kamara our ASDA community liaison works tirelessly behind the scenes working with teachers to promote healthy food and an active lifestyle, enthusing children about cooking and promoting links between school and the local community.

The children have had great fun this week at the Christmas parties. We look forward to a special delivery from Santa on Friday; all of the children have promised to be good so let's hope that they stick to it!

***Children can wear their pyjamas on Friday as they will be enjoying a Christmas movie with hot chocolate.***

***Please note Nursery breaks up after the last session tomorrow 21<sup>st</sup> December.***

***School will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 for the Christmas holidays at 1pm. If your child generally walks home on their own at 3:15pm, please let your class teacher know that you give further permission to leave on their own at 1pm. Please note without this permission we will not be able to let your child walk home.***

***There will be no tea-time club available on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December***

***School returns on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023***

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'*