



Dear parents and carers,

On Sunday, we begin the season of Advent. It is a time of preparation for welcoming in Christ at Christmas and many of our activities in the next few weeks will be focused on preparing our hearts and minds for this. Parents are invited to join us for a number of our events too - which are shared on the newsletter.

This week, Year 2 had a visit from Biffa, to talk about recycling and how we can help the environment. The children also finished the last of their Autumn Term tests and we will be looking at these in the next couple of weeks.

The Christmas Fair was a great success - thank you for your support

Have a lovely start to the Advent season

## Attendance

Well done to Year Five, who had the best attendance this week with 97.3%

**Polite Notice:** Please can we ask all parents to drop their children off at the door or gate and not to enter the school building, unless this has been agreed by Mr McMahon. Any parents who wish to speak to a teacher should go through the school office or speak to the staff on the door. This is to ensure the safety of all in our school community.

## Parish Christmas Fair

Last Sunday, the fair raised £1,708. This is the highest total ever received. The whole parish want to thank the parents and children from school for their very generous donations and support - it will make a huge difference



## IMPORTANT Christmas Dates coming up...

**4th Dec:** Advent Mass for KS2 children in hall (10am)

**8th Dec:** KS1 Nativity (2pm)

**9th Dec:** Early Years Christmas crafts (am)

**10th Dec:** Pantomimes

- EYFS & KS1 in school
- KS2 at Middleton Arena

**11th Dec:** Year 5 & 6 carol singing at local businesses

**11th Dec:** Mass for KS1 children @ 10am (Hall)

**12th Dec:** Christmas Crafts for Years 1&2 (am) - parents are invited to attend

**15th Dec:** Stay and Play for:

- Years 5 & 6 (am)
- Years 3 & 4 (pm)

- parents are invited to attend

**16th Dec:** Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas jumpers may be worn)

**17th Dec:** Christmas Party Day (non-uniform)

**17th Dec:** Christmas Disco (4.30-5.30)

**19th Dec:** Carol Concert @ 9.15; School closes at 1.30pm

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## SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in each one of us memories of goodness." Pope Benedict XVI

Advent helps us get ready for Christmas and reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, into our world. Ask your child what else they know about Advent. What do they like best about this season which leads up to Christmas? Advent is an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and helps us get ready for Christmas. You may want to share with your child what you know and like best about the season of Advent.



Advent is a time to make an extra effort to be more loving towards God and our neighbours. As a family, how can you prepare well through Advent - to 'stay awake', to be ready to welcome Jesus? Perhaps you can: always try to be fair, honest, generous and ready to go out of our way to help anyone who is in need; be a peacemaker; put up a crib, Advent wreath and Advent calendar; make a special effort to let other family members know how much you love them - through your words and actions.

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