

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.

SCHOOL GATES

Thank you to all of the parents who have helped us this week with the changing over of the gates- the feedback has been quite positive and it is making the flow of people through school much better.

If you have a pushchair, you can leave it by the steps at the entry gate and come and collect it on your way back around.

Thanks for your continued support.

Parish Christmas Fair

Last Sunday, the fair raised £1,708. This is the highest total ever received. The whole parish wants 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...

2nd Dec: Advent Mass for KS2 children in church (9.30am)

8th Dec: Early Years Stay & Play (am)

9th Dec: KS1 Nativity (2pm)

10th Dec: Pantomimes

- EYFS & KS1 in school
- KS2 at Middleton Arena

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)

18th Dec: Christmas Disco (4.30-5.30)

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

Attendance

Well done to Year 2, who had the best attendance this week - 92.2%

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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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