

## IMPORTANT Christmas Dates coming up...

**2nd Dec:** Advent Mass for KS1/KS2 children in church (9.30am)

**8th Dec:** Early Years Stay & Play (9:15-10:15am)

**9th Dec:** KS1 Nativity (2pm)

**10th Dec:** Pantomimes

- EYFS & KS1 in school
- KS2 at Middleton Arena

**12th Dec:** Christmas Crafts for Years 1&2 (9:15-10:15am)-parents are invited to attend

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

- Years 3 & 4 (9:15-10:15am)
- Years 5 & 6 (2:00-3:00pm)

- 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 (4.30-5.30pm)

**19th Dec:** Carol Concert @ 9.15am and School closes at 1.00pm

## 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 slow 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.

## Attendance

Well done to Year 1, who had the best attendance this week - 98.5%



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

"God wishes us to prepare ourselves to receive Jesus with love; let us clear our hearts of all that could displease Him."

*St Alphonsus Liguori*

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. Ask your child what the word 'preparation' means to them. When did your child last prepare for something particularly well or for something special? It may help your child if you can share something about a time when you prepared particularly well for something. How is your child preparing at school for the celebration of Jesus' birthday at Christmas?



Now is the time to prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth - God's arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. As a family, how can you prepare well for Christmas? Perhaps you can: slow down and try to remember the real reason for Christmas - regularly giving thanks to God for the gift of Jesus; read the Bible's Christmas story together; go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession); make an extra effort to consider other people's needs.

## PREPARATION

