

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Last Sunday we celebrated the First Sunday of Advent and the start of a new Liturgical year. We have entered the time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus.

The feeling in school has moved to one of excitement as we all get ready for Christmas. Advent is the time in which we prepare for Christmas, the memorial of Jesus Christ being born into the world. Preparations are practical, like decorating a tree or stringing lights, but they're also intended to be spiritual.

The children were very good at reflecting upon how it is important to remember the true meaning of Christmas and what we need to do to give the gift of love.

### Statements to Live By

Our Statement to Live By next week is:

**I try to love others as I love myself.**

The children are asked to recognise that they can make a difference for themselves and others in a positive way. That they can help someone.

Please encourage your child to show love to others in the coming week.  
Can we, as adults, also follow this statement more in the coming days?



Next Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas Fayre day. We are still asking for donations for the tombola so that the excitement of winning will add to the fun of the fayre.

Next Friday we will also welcome any donations of cakes for the stall.

Please join us at 3.30pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December with your entry fee of a donation to The Matthew Project. It would be particularly nice this time to be able to take Christmas goodies for those who are in need.

Thank you so much for your support with the fayre, we will be combining all money raised with the funds from the autumn Fayre and give the children a treat in the New Year.

**There will be no after school club on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – All children to be collected by 3:30pm**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December is our whole school panto day. The children will travel to Newcastle via coach to watch the pantomime at The Tyne Theatre. This is a great opportunity for the children to experience a show in such a historic building.

This will also be the day that the children dress down or up depending upon your thoughts. Christmas jumpers can be the order of the day should your child wish, no uniform necessary. Sensible shoes are though.

When the children return to school they will have a buffet style lunch and enjoy a relaxing party atmosphere for the rest of the day.

We are looking forward to our Christmas productions during week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December, it will be wonderful to have parents and loved ones of the children joining us to watch the performances.

Please note that we will be taking individual photographs of all of the children in their costumes and sending them home to you. It is important that the audience **do not** take photographs or videos when in school. For the safety of some of our children we cannot allow this to happen. We know that you will understand how important this is.

Please share this message with any of your friends and relatives who will be coming to school.

Thank you in advance

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am</b>	Year 2 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10am</b>	Year 1 joining parish for Mass at Church
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 3:30pm</b>	School Christmas Fayre
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10am</b>	Whole school joining parish for Mass at Church
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2:30pm</b>	Christmas Carols on the yard
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	School Breaks up for Christmas
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	Back to school 8:45am

**\*\*More dates/events will be added throughout the term and we will notify you.**

Christmas productions / shows		
Date	Time	Event
Monday 12th Dec	2 – 3pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10 – 11am	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production
	2 – 3pm	EYFS Christmas Production
Wednesday 14th Dec	10 – 10:30am	EYFS Christmas Production
Wednesday 14th Dec	2 – 3pm	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Production
Thursday 15th Dec	10 – 11am	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Production
Thursday 15th Dec	2 – 3pm	Year 5 & 6 Christmas production
Thursday 15th Dec	5 – 6pm	Year 5 & 6 Christmas production
Friday 16th Dec		Whole school Christmas Panto at Newcastle Tyne Theatre