



29th November 2016

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



## Christmas Fayre

### Christmas Fayre

This will take place on the afternoon of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec from 2pm – 4pm. Would parents/carers be kind enough to donate chocolates (i.e biscuits, bars/boxes of chocolates or cakes) for the tombola.

### Father Christmas will be visiting!

Children will be coming down from their classes as follows.

There will be a range of stalls including gifts that the children have made themselves, a tombola and tuck shop. Hopefully Father Christmas will also be able to find time in his very busy schedule to visit! Children will be visiting the fayre as follows:

**Years 3 - 4** 2.00 – 2.30pm.

**Years 5 – 6** 2.30 – 3.00pm.

**At 2:00pm – Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One (Y1,2) must be accompanied with parents** to join the

Christmas fayre and you can pick your children up first if in Rec, Year 1 and Year 2.

Parents can send children in with money in KS2 to buy items from our gift

shops which children have made, other stalls are: – tombola, cake stall, sweet stall, novelty goods and a refreshment stall.



### Cake/Bun Donations

Can parents please make donations to our cake stall to be brought only on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and not before please. Many thanks.



### Pantomime

The children from Reception through to Year 6 are invited on our yearly trip to the pantomime to see Peter Pan at the Bradford Alhambra on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

The cost of the trip will be **£7.00** per child, this has been subsidised by school. All money needs to be paid in an envelope with your **child's name, class and panto** clearly written on the front by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

Receipt of payment will be accepted

as your permission for your child to attend.



### Rag Bag Collection

The children will be bringing home a bag on the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup>

December. Please fill it up with your old clothes, any bedding, curtains, bags belts and shoes. The full bags can be returned to school on the morning of **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December not before.** All proceeds from this collection will be put to school funds.

Thank you for your contributions.

We have two lost property boxes in school, both are full of jumpers, coats, hats, t-shirts etc. If these items are not claimed within the next couple of weeks we will bag them up for Rag-Bag.

If you want to look through the lost property, please call at the reception and ask.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

### Wednesday Word

This Sunday will be the second Sunday of Advent. The Wednesday Word will follow tomorrow.

# ADVENT

This week is the beginning of our Advent preparations for Christ's coming at Christmas.

The word Advent is from the Latin word 'Adventus' meaning 'arrival'. It is the season when we prepare to remember Christ's first arrival in the stable in Bethlehem.

During Advent we also remember that we are waiting for Christ's second arrival at the end of time.

The Advent Wreath is a symbol which we use to guide us through the season of Advent.

- The base of the wreath is in the shape of a circle. This reminds us that God's love for us has no beginning and no end.
- It is covered in evergreen leaves to represent the everlasting love that God has for each one of us, and to remind us that God's love never changes. The evergreen leaves remain as green and as vibrant through the dark and bleak winter months.
- God's love for us remains as strong and unchanging as ever through the dark and bleak times of our lives.

The Advent wreath has 4 candles – 3 purple and 1 pink. We light another candle each week during Advent.

- **The first candle – purple- is the candle of 'Hope'**
- **The second candle – purple – is the candle of 'Love'**
- **The third candle – pink – is the candle of 'Joy'**
- **The fourth candle – purple – is the candle of 'Peace'**

- In the centre of the advent wreath stands a white candle. This candle is lit on Christmas Day and represents the Christ child born that day. It is a symbol of purity and new life.

Jesus – our light in the darkness. Jesus - the light of the world.

