



5th December 2017

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Pantomime

The children from Reception through to Year 6 are invited on our yearly trip to the pantomime to see Cinderella at the Bradford Alhambra on **Thursday 25th January 2018**.

The cost of the trip will be **£7.50** 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 this Friday 8th December 2017.**

Receipt of payment will be accepted as your permission for your child to attend.



Nursery places available

We have places available in our nursery so pick up an application form from the office and apply as soon as possible for your child's place.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word will follow tomorrow.



Important Information regarding school meals

We have been advised by Facilities Management after a review of the school meal prices that the school meal price will change from **1st January 2018**. The school meal price will go up to **£1.70 per meal per day, £8.50 a week**. If your child does qualify for free meal entitlement, please contact the Benefit's Service on (01274 432771/2/3).



Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 13th December. The price is **£1.65 per child**.

Christmas dinner will be free for children on free school meals. The **£1.65 price is for children in KS2 who pay for their dinner. KS1 children do not have to pay for their Christmas dinner.**



After School Clubs

There will be no basketball club or Miss Uttley's football club next week. These clubs will start in the New Year week commencing 8th January.



Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 12th December

Nursery nativity performance at 9.30am for morning children and 2pm for afternoon children. Parents welcome.

Wednesday 13th December

KS1 Nativity 9.30am in the junior hall. Parents welcome. Christmas Colours/Jumpers Day (£1 for our charity CAFOD).

Christmas dinner day.

Thursday 14th December

Reception nativity 9.30am in the junior hall. Parents welcome.

Friday 15th December

Christingle - 2pm Whole school led by Year 6 (In church)

Monday 18th December

Carol concert 1.30pm in the junior hall. Years 3, 4 and 5.

Tuesday 19th December

Whole school Advent Mass 9.15am (In church). Children break up for Christmas holidays at 3.00pm.



P.E kit reminder

Please can parents make sure that their children have blue joggers for P.E just in case it's taking place outside.

Students can wear their school jumpers on top. Also trainers or plimsolls need to be provided for indoor and outdoor play.

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.

