



Advent

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Advent Angel Project. The Bay Foodbank were delighted to receive our donations and were incredibly grateful. On Thursday, the children in Key Stage 1 had an Advent Morning where they made a range of crafts related to preparing in Advent including wreaths and lights. They also made some tradition *Bambinellis*. These small models of baby Jesus are blessed in church this weekend before being placed under the tree to be opened on Christmas morning as we celebrate the gift of Jesus. We have attached an Advent Activity this week that you may enjoy as a family as we begin our third week of Advent.

Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Dinner

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Save the Children on our Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday. We raised over £300. A huge thank you to our school cooks who provided a wonderful Christmas lunch for us all on Thursday.

Year 5 Class Mass

On Thursday the children in Year 5 led the parish Mass. They read, sang and prayed with great reverence and were thankful to be joined by the family and member of the parish.

Year 4 Greek Workshop

On Monday, the Year 4 children enjoyed a workshop led by Durham University to consolidate and enhance their learning on the Ancient Greeks. The staff were amazed at how much the children knew and the children enjoyed using artefacts from that time.

School Lunches

Please complete the school meals form to make your child's lunch choices by clicking on this link. Please complete the school meals form to make your child's lunch choices by clicking on this link. The form is open from 8am on Fridays until noon on Wednesdays. <https://forms.office.com/e/cJQL8kYdyb>

EYFS Nativity

On Wednesday morning, our youngest pupils filled our school hall with readings and songs as they shared their Nativity play with their families. They acted and sang with such confidence and we were very proud of them all.

KS1 & KS2 Performances

Tickets for both the KS1 and KS2 performances have been sent home with the children. Please look after these and bring them with you to the performances as you will not be admitted without a ticket. For parents in KS2 please check carefully whether you have an afternoon or evening performance ticket.

Online Safety

Please see our attached Online Safety advice about using technology over Christmas including advice for parents on a child's first device.

Dates for Diary

Tuesday 19th December – KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm in the church (please see ParentMail re tickets)

Thursday 21st December – 2.30pm & 6pm KS2 Carol Service (please see ParentMail re tickets)

Friday 22nd December – Party Day

Next week is ZEBRA week on the school lunch menu

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