



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Attendance Award

The winner of the Best Attendance Award for October is **Y5**. Well Done! As a reward Y5 will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday (8th December)**. The percentage for each class for last month was:



REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94.8	96.1	95.6	96.9	94.7	98.0	96.1



Thank you for your donations to the Poppy appeal. We raised £232.05.

Thank you also for your donations to 'Movember' - do you recognise Mr Grogan again without the moustache? We raised £123.00 for this great cause.

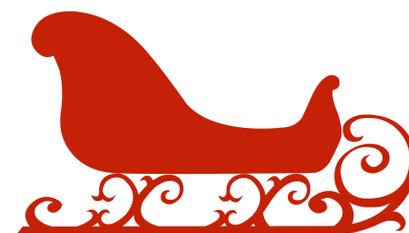


Goodnight Stories

Goodnight Stories in St Joseph's Church, Stanley at 6.30 pm this evening (6th December) aimed at REC, Y1 and Y2 children. Children can come to church in their onesies/pyjamas and dressing gowns. Hot chocolate and marshmallows will be served afterwards.

Drive-in Christmas Movie Night

A reminder that the Christmas Movie Night is on the 14th December 4.30pm - 6.30 pm in the school hall. Children can design a Sleigh (decorated cardboard box) to bring on the night and come in their pyjamas/onesies/dressing gowns. There will be a prize for the best sleigh. If you haven't already got a ticket there are only 3 left (£3 each).



Christmas Cards

Cards can be posted in the Christmas post box outside the office. **Please remember to put the child's class on the envelope as well as their name. Please also put cards together by class with an elastic band.**



Advent Celebration



During December children can wear purple on Friday 8th and Friday 15th December. On these days we invite children to donate any loose change to the Pope's charity-'Mission Together'. A 'Mission Together' collection box will also be available in each class so donations can be made at any time. The Mission Together Rosary Beads are also on sale again for £2. All proceeds go towards helping needy children around the world.

On **Wednesday 13th December** children can wear a **festive jumper** (or a jumper in festive colours i.e. red, gold and green) instead of their school sweatshirt, along with the rest of their normal uniform. If they don't have a festive jumper, they can wear a festive hat/scarf with their normal uniform if they wish.
NO FANCY DRESS and NO PARTY CLOTHES.
Please note: **This is NOT a non-uniform day.**



Christmas Party Day - Thursday 21st December



We have booked a disco, organised party food and asked Santa to call in with presents for all the children. School will subsidise these treats but a voluntary contribution of £2 per child towards the cost would be greatly appreciated. Please send donations into school as soon as possible (and no later than Friday 15th December). Please mark envelopes with '**CHRISTMAS PARTY**' as well as **your child's name and amount.**

The whole school will be attending **Mass** in church at **9.30am on Thursday 21st December** to celebrate Christmas together. Please join us if you are able and encourage other family members and friends to come along too.



Nativity / Performance (in school hall)

Tuesday 19th December

Rec, Y1 and Y2 Nativity 9.30 am and 1.30 pm

Wednesday 20th December

KS2-Bethlehem the Musical 9.30 am and 1.30 pm



Nativity Costumes and Photos

As last year, we can take a photograph of your child in their Nativity outfit and make it available for you to purchase. If you would like a Nativity photograph of your child taken, please complete the slip below and return it to school by Friday (8th December). We will send a proof of the photograph together with an order form once the photos have been taken. There is no obligation to purchase the picture. Only children who return a slip to indicate that you want them to have a picture taken by Friday 8th December will be photographed. Please ensure that your child has their Nativity costume in school by Monday 11th December at the latest (even if you don't want them to have a Nativity photograph taken).



Please tick the appropriate box

Yes I want a nativity photograph taken of my child	
No I do not want a nativity photograph taken of my child	

Names of child/children to be photographed:

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Class

Your name: Your signature: