



NEWSLETTER - CHRISTMAS IS COMING



Operation Christmas Child

70 shoe boxes were collected from school last week. Thank you very much to all those who sent them in - they will put a smile on the faces of children around the world!

Good Samaritan Day - Thursday 3rd December

To celebrate the beginning the Year of Mercy we will be looking at the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Following our assembly the children will be taking part in different activities which will allow them to join in a meaningful reflection and a fun engagement with the parable and its message.

To continue with the theme of the Good Samaritan we are having a special Christmas collection for Food 4U. As well as the normal items, Food 4U would also be grateful for Christmas donations e.g. mince pies, Christmas cake, nuts, chocolates so that those in need can also have a few special treats for Christmas (please remember they cannot accept home-made items). If each child were to bring in one item it would make a real difference to many people in need. Donations can be sent in any time **before 3rd December**, our Good Samaritan Day. Please clearly mark your donations as Food 4U in case they get mixed up with school raffle donations - please see below.

**Make a difference this Christmas
Help feed the hungry in our community**



Food Collection

Donations for Food 4U

Christmas Cards

Cards can be posted in the Christmas post box outside the office from 1st December. **Please remember to put the children's class on the envelope as well as their name. (Please put cards together by class with elastic band.)**



Christmas Raffle

Tickets on sale in December- 10p each.

We would be grateful for any prizes.



The choir is singing at a number of venues in the community.

Tuesday 8th December

Westerleigh (Care Home)

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Stanley Park (Care Home)

Unfortunately we are restricted to numbers attending these venues and therefore cannot invite parents/carers.

Advent Celebration

During December the children can wear purple each Friday and can bring in any loose change for CAFOD. This money will go towards the class collections for CAFOD being organised by our Mini Vinnies (please see letter from Mini Vinnies sent on 20th November). Please check the CAFOD website for lots of interesting activities as well as an interactive Advent Calendar.

www.cafod.org.uk

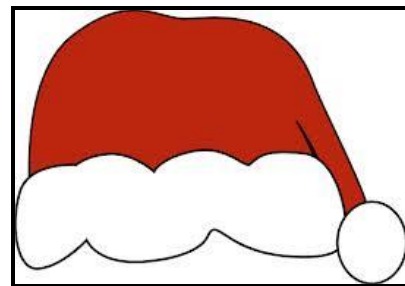




On **Thursday 17th December** children can wear a **festive jumper** (or a jumper in festive colours i.e. red, gold and green) instead of their school sweatshirt along with the rest of their normal uniform. If they don't have a festive jumper they can wear a festive hat/scarf with their normal uniform if they wish.

NO FANCY DRESS and NO PARTY CLOTHES.

Please note: **This is NOT a non-uniform day.**



As part of our Christmas celebrations the whole school will be attending Mass in Church at 9.30am on Thursday 17th December. We hope as many parents, carers, friends and family will be able to join us. Please feel free to wear your festive jumper as well!



Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are going to The Alun Armstrong Theatre, in Stanley Civic Hall on Thursday 17th December at 2pm to see the People's Theatre's production of Santa in Love. The children will be joining Santa and his friends for a fun filled family musical complete with games, giggles and all their favourite Christmas songs. A voluntary contribution of £1 would be very much appreciated.

Christmas Party Day - Friday 18th December

To celebrate Christmas Party Day we have booked a Disco, organised party food and asked Santa to call in with presents for the children. Can we please ask for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child towards the cost of these Christmas celebrations. School will also subsidise these activities. Please send money into school as soon as possible and no later than Tuesday 9th December. Please mark envelopes with CHRISTMAS PARTY as well as your child's name and amount.

Arctic Friends

on sale now £2 each

To raise funds for St Oswald's Hospice.



Nativity / Performance (in school hall)

Monday 14th December

KS2 - 1.30pm.

Tuesday 15th December

REC, Y1 and Y2 Nativity - 9.30am & 2.00pm

Class teachers will be sending out details about costumes and lines etc. soon.



St Joseph's Catholic Church Christmas Fayre Saturday 5th December 10am to 12noon



Meet **Father Christmas** in his Grotto

Name the Snowman

Traditional Tombola

Usborne Books

Cake Stall

Hot & Cold Refreshments

Guess the weight of the Xmas Cake

Chocolate Tombola

Teddy stall

Bottle Tombola

& much more...

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 16th December

If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a Christmas lunch, please complete the slip attached and return it to school by Friday 27th November at the latest as lunches need to be ordered in advance. If you are ordering a one off special lunch please include £1.95 per meal when returning the slip. If your child normally has a school lunch, please also complete the slip to indicate your child's choice for that day - dinner money should be paid as normal on a Monday morning. **Christmas lunches cannot be ordered after Friday 27th November (no exceptions).**



Christmas Lunch Menu - Return Slip

Name of Child

Year

My child normally has a school dinner

My child normally has a packed lunch and I enclose £1.95

PLEASE TICK ONE MAIN MEAL AND ONE DESSERT CHOICE FOR EACH DAY

Roast Turkey Dinner

or

Vegetable Crown

Jingle Jelly Ice Cream

or

Snowball Crispy

School closes on Friday 18th December and re-opens on Monday 4th January

