

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

## Christmas Events

### Advent Badges

A reminder that all pupils have been given an Advent badge to wear during this season as an outward sign of their internal preparations for the coming of Jesus.

### Advent Liturgies

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 and Year 6 families into school to the two remaining advent liturgies and enjoy these moments of peace and reflection:

- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at 9.15 am Year 5 families are invited into the school hall
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at 9.15 am Year 6 families are invited into the school hall

### Bedtime Stories

Bedtime Stories will take place in St Joseph's Church, Stanley at 5.30 pm on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Everyone welcome. Children can come to church in their onesies/pyjamas and dressing gowns. Hot chocolate and marshmallows will be served afterwards.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** children can wear a Christmas 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**. Donations for 'Save the Children' would be very much appreciated.

### Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Drive-in Christmas Movie Night

A reminder that on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** 4.30pm – 6.30 pm we will be having a Drive-in Christmas Movie Night 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 competition for the best sleigh. Tickets cost £4 and include a hot chocolate and a snack. Tickets are still available. Places are limited so will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



### **Outreach**

A group of children will be signing at the Parish Outreach Christmas Party on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.15 pm in church.

### **Purple – A colour of preparation**

Every Friday during advent (**14<sup>th</sup> December**), our pupils are encouraged to wear something small and purple: headband, hair bobble, socks etc. alongside their school uniform to signify that they are joining in the season of preparation. However, please remember that pupils also need to wear the rest of their school uniform (t-shirt, trousers/skirt) alongside the small purple item.

### **Gibside Christmas Trail**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be going on a visit to Gibside on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. They will be back in time for Carols by Candlelight.

### **Carols by Candlelight**

On **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be having Carols by Candlelight in church at 2.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

### **Christmas Nativity / Performance (in school hall)**

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families are invited to attend one of the following performances
  - **18<sup>th</sup> December** at 9:30am
  - **18<sup>th</sup> December** at 2:00pm
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 families are invited to attend one of the following performances
  - **19<sup>th</sup> December** at 9:30am
  - **19<sup>th</sup> December** at 2:00pm

To ensure that all parents/carers get an opportunity to see their child please ensure that you only attend 1 performance.

### **Christmas Party Day – Thursday 20th December**

We are organising a disco and party food and have 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 (by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December). Please mark envelopes with 'CHRISTMAS PARTY' as well as your child's name and amount. Children can change into their party clothes at school after lunch.

### **End of term Mass**

The whole school will be attending **Mass** in church at **9.30am on Thursday 20th December** to celebrate Christmas together. Please join us if you are able and encourage other family members and friends to come along too.

### **Christmas Cards**

Cards can be posted in the Christmas post box next to the Christmas Tree. 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.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs A D Thorpe**  
**Headteacher**

