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# NEWSLETTER

## Christmas Performances

Well done and thank you to all the children and staff who worked extremely hard to produce these performances. They were all worthy of Oscars!

Early Years 'Away in a manger' reassured us that not everything has to be perfect.

Year 1 and 2 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem' reminded us that no matter how busy we are we can always share a smile.

Year 3 and 4 'A Midwife Crisis' - marvellous acting, singing and dancing - and thankfully all happened as planned, no crisis after all.

Year 5 and 6 'What Does Christmas Mean to Me' with the wonderful message that God is with us, not just at Christmas time but each and every day!

These performances were truly events to enjoy and celebrate as well as giving us all time to reflect and be reminded of the true message of Christmas. The joy on the faces of children and audience alike were a treat to behold!

## Christmas Fayre

Well done to the 'Friends and Family of St. Joseph's' for their Christmas Fayre which was a huge success, raising a grand sum of

### £935-WOW!

The Friends and Family would like to thank everyone for their generosity of time and hard work in preparing for the event and on the day itself.

A huge thank you to all children and families for their support in donations for the Fayre and for coming along to enjoy the Fayre on Wednesday without which it wouldn't have been the success that it was.

The money will be used to provide additional resources, both within and beyond the classroom, to further enhance and enrich the learning opportunities for all children at St. Joseph's.



*Merry Christmas*

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## Pantomime Visit

The whole school visit to the Tyne Theatre for the pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' on Tuesday 19th December was greatly enjoyed by all children & staff. The children's behaviour was exemplary and we were all very proud of them.

Audience participation, as you know is essential at a pantomime - Oh no it's not... Oh yes it is... with St. Joseph's making the loudest noise and needing no encouragement to shout out and warn of the approach of the wicked queen! No-one could get past the children of St. Joseph's



## Christmas Choir

Our Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Choir and Recorder Group, delighted shoppers at Morrisons on Thursday 14th December when they were invited to play and sing a medley of Christmas carols. The children also visited three local Residential Care Homes. Everyone who heard them commented on how wonderful they sounded and left everyone full of the joy of Christmas.

We raised a wonderful **£70.00** for 'Mission Together - Children helping Children'



## The Travelling Crib

Children from Nursery to Year 6 have had the opportunity to take a small crib home for one night during Advent. The children have been encouraged to spend time in reflection with their family on the true meaning of Christmas.

Thank you for having the crib in your home this year.





## Christmas Services

- ✠ Christmas Eve, St. Bede's Catholic Church, 9.30 am Mass, 6.30 pm Carol Service, 7.00 pm Vigil Mass
- ✠ Christmas Day, St. Michael's Catholic Church, 10.00 am Mass



## Bug Busting



Please may we ask all families to have a 'Bug Busting' start to the holiday and check your child's hair to ensure it is free of head lice. We have had a few cases in school at the end of term and families naturally get very upset when they have difficulty keeping their child free of head lice even though they are following medical advice and treating their child correctly. An information leaflet is available from the school office or from the school website. Keeping children clear of head lice depends on everyone responding. Thank you.

And finally, thank you for all the beautiful cards and gifts and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

New term starts on Monday 8th January, 2018 at 8.55 am

**School Website**

Please remember to check regularly for news and events.  
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