



# Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## School Mass and Liturgies.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended, and to the children from Year 4 for leading our Advent Mass in School. It was a great way to begin the season of Advent. We have more School Masses planned for next year and it would be lovely to see more parents at both our School Masses and Monday Liturgies as these are real prayerful times for the children.

## Parish Christmas Fayre.

Thank you to the families and staff who supported the Parish Christmas Fayre this year. The Parish committee, who organised the event, said it was a great success.

## School Performance Tickets.

Lots of parents have already purchased tickets for this year Christmas productions and I would like to say thank you for supporting our school. However, it has come to my attention that some parents are not happy about the cost of the tickets. Can I just make two points to parents: firstly ***if any parent is struggling with the cost of this or any school activity, I would ask them to make appointment with me so we can come to some arrangement. I do not want any child or parents to miss out.*** However, I have to balance this with the support we get from the majority of our parents who always support our school by buying tickets etc. Secondly, ***any money raised in school, whether it be a production, or raffle or any means ALWAYS goes back to the children in a variety of ways including subsidising trips, transport to and from venues or simply just helping providing additional classroom resources.***

## Christmas Dinner

This will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December along with Christmas Jumper Day. Dinner will be served in the main hall by all school staff; it really is a fun time therefore no packed lunches on this day. This is £2 which is the cost of a school meal so no additional cost. You can pay for this via Parent Pay or into the school office before Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## Mrs Atkin

Today Mrs Atkin goes off on maternity leave to have her baby. We wish her and her husband all the very best and we look forward to seeing Mrs Atkin back in school sometime next year.

## Nursery & Reception places for next September 2019

If any parent is thinking of applying or knows anyone wanting to apply for our Nursery or Reception classes next year, the following dates are really important.

**Reception 2019:** Closing Date is 15<sup>th</sup> January and you will be notified of the places on National Offer Day which is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**Nursery 2019:** Applications Open 7<sup>th</sup> January. Applications Close 18<sup>th</sup> March. Parents will be notified 29<sup>th</sup> March.



### Christmas Productions & Performances

This year's Christmas productions and performances will ALL take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

Reception & Nursery Nativity at 9.30am,  
Years 1, 2, & 3 Christmas Story at 2pm  
and Years 4, 5, & 6 Carol Performance at 6pm.

For health and Safety reasons EVERYONE attending must have a ticket. Tickets, with an individual seat number. Tickets cost of £2

### Whole School Christmas Panto

Nursery to Year 6 children will be attending the pantomime Aladdin which is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Simonside Venue, Newcastle. The children and staff will be travelling to and from this venue by coaches. We will be back at school approx. 12.30pm. The cost of this will be £7 per pupil, again this can be paid via Parent Pay or into the school office.

### Governor Visits & Newsletter.

Our Governors have been in school this week visiting different classes looking at how the children learn. St Alban's governors do a great job supporting our school and a newsletter will be sent out before the end of term telling parents a little bit more information about the governors and what they do in school.

### Christmas Dates and Reminders

<b>12<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30</b>	9 Nursery & Reception Christmas production in School
<b>12<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm</b>	Years 1, 2 & 3 Christmas production in School
<b>12<sup>th</sup> @6pm</b>	Years 4,5 & 6 Christmas carols in school
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Jumper day - Chocolate donation
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Dinner in school
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Whole school at pantomime
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Party afternoons for Reception - Year 6 children. The children can wear their own clothes.
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Nursery will finish at 12.30 for all children.</b> Nursery families are invited to join the rest of the school at Mass in St Anthony's of Padua Church at 1 o'clock.
	Christmas Mass in St Anthony's Church at 1.00pm. Led by Year 2. <b>All parents welcome</b>
	<b>School Close at 2pm</b> - Children can be picked up after Mass from St Anthony's church at around 2 o'clock



