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"Called to love as God loves"

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Dear Parents/Carers

In the Gospel Assembly this week, we lit two purple candles on the advent wreath and listened to The Word of God Luke 3: 1-6 that told us to straighten our paths and prepare ourselves for the coming of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The children in Reception have been doing just that by collecting tinned foods and making several hampers which have been dropped off at The Lalley Centre to support less fortunate families this Christmas. My sincere thanks to all the families that contributed.



Last week, our Year Six children spent three days at Robinwood Residential Centre. They had a fabulous time. It was a joy to see their faces on the Giant Swing, Zip Wire and Trapeze. They were out of their comfort but definitely rose to the challenge. I was incredibly proud of them! On behalf of the children, I would like to thank all the staff that gave up time away from their own families to make this trip possible. Not to be left out, Year Five were also outdoors in the wind and rain this week at The Castleshaw Centre.



The children in Early Years and Key Stage One have been busy practising for their Nativity Play, whilst Key Stage Two have been preparing for their Carol Service. These are being recorded and will be released for parents next week.

Christmas parties will take place next week. Instead of children bringing items in, we will be asking for a donation of £1 via ParentPay.



With Covid restrictions tightening, could I please remind everyone that only one adult is permitted in the foyer and to avoid using it wherever possible.

Currently, many parents are dropping off items that children have forgotten that morning. May I politely ask that you check that your child has everything they need for the day and, if an item is forgotten, that it is left at home until the following day. Thank you for your co-operation as this helps us to keep the school Covid secure.

With everyone's safety in mind, please try your utmost to arrive at school on time rather than using foyer. The gates in KS2 close promptly at 8.50am, KS1 at 8.55am and Nursery at 9am. If your child is five minutes late each day they are missing the equivalent of a phonics lesson each week in the infants and a maths lesson each week in KS2.



Thank you as always for your continued support.

Ms Garvey
Head Teacher

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Diary Dates:

Mon 13th Dec	Early Years pantomime in school
Wed 15th Dec	Children's Christmas dinner
Thur 16th Dec	Reception Christmas party Y3/4 Christmas party
Fri 17th Dec	Y1/2 Christmas party
Mon 20th Dec	Nursery Christmas party Y5/6 Christmas party
Tues 21st Dec	School Closes 1.30pm Christmas jumper day - £1 donation for Save the Children via Parent Pay (School uniform to be worn with Christmas jumpers - not own clothes)
Mon 10th Jan	School Opens
Wed 26 th Jan	Year 3 Dewa Roman Experience, Chester