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Diary Dates

Headteacher Newsletter 5, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### December 2022

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 to Creswell Craggs
4 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Mass in Church – 10am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Christmas Carols - stay and play – 2pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Secret Santa and Children's Christmas Party – 1 till 5pm in the Parish Centre
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Nativity Performance – 2pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Nativity Performance – 10am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity Performance – 10am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity Performance – 2pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip to The Playhouse to see Goldilocks and the Three Bears
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day – please order via MyEd
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service – 2.30pm led by Year 2. All welcome
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Activity Day and Disco – non uniform
21 <sup>st</sup>	Carol service – 10am in Church

**21<sup>st</sup> December – Last Day of Term**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, this Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent, the time in our liturgical year when we begin to prepare, in hope for the arrival of our Lord Jesus. December as we all know is such a busy time for us as we rush around, buying gifts and food for our loved ones at Christmas time. Whilst this is an important part of our Christmas preparations, it is also important that we take some time, each day to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming. As a family, why not take a few minutes each day to say this Advent prayer together.

**Lord Jesus,**

**Thank you for the gifts of hope, peace, love and joy this Advent. As we prepare for your coming, help us make straight the path to our hearts. Help us to find time amidst the busyness of the season to speak to you, to encounter you and strengthen our relationship with you. Amen**

I hope that you can join us for the celebration of mass in Church next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10am as we lead the parish in the Liturgy of the Word.

With God's blessings,

Celine Toner



### 'The Big Sleep In' fundraiser for Framework

We had such a good time on our sleep over a couple of Friday's ago – not that much sleep was had by some! I am delighted to let you know that together the children managed to raise just over £2,300 for the charity Framework – what an amazing achievement Well done to everyone who participated, this money will make such a difference to homeless people in our area and throughout the East Midlands.



## Travelling Nativity and Reverse Advent Calendar

Mary, Joseph and the donkey will begin their journey around our homes on Monday to remind us of their difficult journey to Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. Please send them back to school each day with contributions of food or toiletries for our Reverse Advent Calendar. All donated food and toiletries will go firstly, to those in need within our own school community and then to the Arnold Foodbank. **If you can spare an hour or so on 20<sup>th</sup> December to help make up some food hampers for our families, please let the office know. Thank you.**



## Parish Christmas Fair and Secret Santa

Our parish Christmas fair takes place tomorrow – 10.30am till 2pm. This is always such a great community event and I hope to see you there.



Fr Philipp has also asked me to let you about the Parish Secret Santa and Children's Christmas Party which takes place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 1 till 5pm. Tickets for this event cost: Adult + child £5.00, Adult + 2children, £10.00, Adult plus 3 children £15.00. Secret Santa boxes are available at an additional £4.00 each and you can purchase tickets via MyEd from next Weds (30<sup>th</sup> Nov) or at the back of Church after mass.

## Year 2 Christingle Service – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2 are excited to share a Christingle service with you on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. This promises to be a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. The PTA will be in school serving tea coffee and mince pies for parents from 2.00pm. We hope to see you there.

## Activity and Disco Day – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December is a busy day! The children will take part in lots of festive activities, including a visit from Santa and a disco! This will also be a non-uniform day and we invite children to come to school dressed in their own party clothes – as festive as you like!

Please note that if you have not yet paid for the school disco, please do so by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. As stated in the letter, there will be opportunities for the children to buy some small items at the disco, so please send your child with a small amount of money in a sealed envelope or purse.

## Carol Service & Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

We are excited to take the children to Church on the last day of term at 10am to take part in our Carol Service. As is tradition, this is also our Christmas jumper day (to be worn over school uniform) where we raise money for Save the Children - £1.00 per child. Each class will contribute to the service by sharing the story of The First Christmas through readings, hymns and dance.

Parents are welcome to share this special event with us and I would be grateful if you could help by walking to and from Church with us. Please click

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LrcwHJUkxk-qBSsTxed7zN-wJ2eo2zpEvMzu7tfw3JxUNTVaMExQNDRJQlhPQjAyRUwxOVI5NzFSUC4u>

to let us know whether you are able to help.

## HA4K Christmas Party

Don't forget to sign you children up for the HA4K Christmas party day on Thursday 22nd December via the HA4K website. It promises to be a brilliant day with a magician, Santa, disco and much, much more.