



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

'Come in and learn with Jesus; go out and serve with love.'

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Dear Parents & Carers

[Please read our full newsletter here](#)

I am sending Friday's newsletter today as a reminder that school is closed tomorrow due to teacher training.

Year 5 had a fantastic visit 'taking over' the Great North Museum last week. Groups of children were put in charge of the library, the artefacts and learned all about how the museum runs. They then made presentations to the museum staff and the rest of the group about their findings. They were an absolute credit to the school and to you. Well done Year 5!

We had a special visitor, Christine Dewhirst from CAFOD, last week who came to talk to the children about taking forward our Jubilee Year of Hope to reach out to others across the world. She led an assembly for the whole school and ran workshops for our Year 6 Faith In Action and Year 4 Mini-Vinnies. She was very impressed with the work our children do (with your valuable support!) to help those in need locally, nationally and across the globe.

Year 2 were out and about on Monday, visiting Weetslade Nature reserves to study animal habitats (to link with their science topic). Once again, the children excelled themselves in terms of behaviour and excellent engagement in their tasks. We are very proud of you!

Year 6 Hi5 netballers attended an inter-school competition at St Thomas More yesterday. See below for the sports report. They were, of course, amazing!

The next few weeks in school are particularly busy so please do check the diary below for updates information.

Our Mini Vinnie's held another Bake Sale yesterday to raise funds for the St Oswald's Tales On The Tyne Campaign (for our very own Peter Rabbit sculpture!). **Thanks to everyone for their kind donations. We raised £122 to make a grand total so far of £280.00!**

Next week:

Sunday 30th November is the first Sunday of **Advent** and we will light the first candle of our wreath. The children will spend the season of Advent, where we celebrate waiting for the coming of the infant Christ at Christmas, learning about the symbolism of the wreath and planning their own advent services of preparation and hope. See below for further information about Advent.

Christmas lunch will be served in school on **Wednesday 3rd December**. If your child would like Christmas lunch, please sign up online. Children can wear their **Christmas jumpers on the day**.

The annual Wellbeing Group Christmas Fair will also be held on **Wednesday 3rd December**. The wellbeing groups are already very busy crafting and organising their stall. There are some excellent 'business brains' in the group. Thanks to Mrs Walker for channelling her inner elf once again and organising this.

We are also inviting children to wear their **Christmas jumper/sparkly outfits on Friday 5th December to raise funds for the PTA (pay a £1.00 donation if you are able!)** Don't forget to check the diary below for party and performance dates.

Our lovely **Travelling Cribs** will be sent home during Advent so that you can share the Christmas story with your children as a family. Look out for your turn – **but please make sure that you send it back to school ready for the next person!**

Christmas Performances:

The children have all been working very hard in rehearsals to learn lots of songs as well as practise their lines. I am already impressed with how confident they are and can confirm that you are all in for a treat!

- See below for dates and times for each year group's parents and carers to attend.
- Please come into school via the Nursery door next to the KS1 Hall
- The performances are not ticketed but we will hold a collection at the end of each performance for The People's Kitchen in order to support some of the most vulnerable people in our local community. Please remember to bring a donation if you are able.

Due to very serious safeguarding concerns for some of our most vulnerable pupils, please do not take photographs or film the performances to share on social media.

These newsletters will hopefully keep you up to date with what is going on in school week by week and also direct you to useful organisations and suggestions to support your child's education and development.

Please check your Arbor and Seesaw Apps regularly for information from school. The Arbor system is now being used by all schools in Bishop Bewick CET and does work slightly differently from our previous messaging systems. Newsletters are sent to your Arbor account and uploaded to our website every two weeks.

Our attendance figures are really low in the local and national league tables once again! Please contact us if you are having difficulty in getting your child to school when they are well due to parent/carer or sibling illness.

NB: Please update your contact details as soon as you change phone number/email address.

In the newsletter this week

- *Advent*
- *RE Autumn Term Curriculum Plans*
- *Faith In Action*
- *Jubilee – The End of our Jubilee Year*
- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: Christmas Reads and The December Reading Challenge*
- *Clubs in our Area*
- *Caterpillar App*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Safeguarding Team in School*
- *The Wednesday Word*
- *PTA*
- *Feeding Families – How to Collect your Shopping*
- *Cost of Living Support for Parents*
- *Connect Mental Health Support*
- *School Lunch Link*
- *Wallsend Children's Community*
- *Dates for the Diary*

If you have any queries about any of these items, please get in touch via the school office.

Best wishes
Ms Lalor