



## St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

[Please read our full newsletter here](#)

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

Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent. Your child's teacher will contact you via see-saw to invite you to share in an Advent service with their class. These advent services replace our mid-week class-led Celebration of the Word during Advent. **During Advent our Faith in Action Group will be collecting for the foodbank as usual. Please add an extra tin to your shopping if you are able and send it into school. We are collecting daily from Monday until 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

This week our Year 3 and 4 children went to meet famous authors and listen to them reading their books and talking about how to become a great writer. Lots of the children bought books but we have also bought a few copies for our school library so that everyone can read them.

Thanks to all of you who signed up to our school's Asda Cashpot. You have helped us raise just over **£365.00**. Thank you for signing up!

Please remember to sign your child up to The Caterpillar Reading App. Lots of books have already been added by children and the app is being used by teachers to talk about what children have been reading. Thank you for your support in promoting a love of reading for pleasure.

**The December Reading Challenge has been sent home. Please encourage your child to complete the challenge. The winner of The November Reading Challenge raffle was Ava Rose Colman, she won £10.00 book token and a lovely book!**

**If you have not already done so, please sign up for the Wellbeing Hub using the details sent two weeks ago.**

Well done to the children who received a Maths Award for effort and skill in Maths lessons. They are on our Maths 'Wall of Fame' in the Key Stage 1 Hall. Congratulations to everyone who received a Headteacher's Award this morning.

**Christmas Lunch in school will be served next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper on that day. See menu attached below.**

After school on that day we will hold the annual festive Wellbeing Stall. The Well-being Elves have been very busy already, crafting Christmas gifts and ornaments, and packaging sweets to sell on the day. See pictures below.

**The 'Name the Teddy' competition is being organised in order to raise funds for research into 22q.11 the extremely rare syndrome. We have a beautiful Harrods teddy bear donated. Children can guess the bear's name for 50p. School Councillors will be selling guesses every day next week.**

Please see Diary Dates for dates and times of our Christmas Nativity Performances and Christmas parties.

**KS2 Sports Leaders on Mondays has now finished for this term.  
KS1 Multi-skills on Wednesdays for Year 2 is on for one more week.**

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

In the newsletter this week:

- Attendance
- Statements to Live By/Advent

- *Faith In Action – Mini Vinnies Fundraiser*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: Caterpillar App/Reading Challenge/Author Visits*
- *Year of Prayer - December*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Parent Guide to Helping your child with Spending & Saving*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Safeguarding Team/Policy*
- *RE Curriculum Plans – Autumn Term*
- *The Wednesday Word*
- *PTA*
- *Feeding Families – How to Collect your Shopping*
- *Cost of Living Support for Parents*
- *Connect Mental Health Support*
- *School Lunch Menus*
- *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