



# St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School

'Growing together through Christ'

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Dear Parents,

**Advent Mass:** On Wednesday this week, we held a Reconciliation Service to help the children prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. The children reflected on the times when they haven't behaved as kindly as they could and thought about how they can try to be even kinder in the future. The older children were invited to talk to a priest after the service so those who are able to receive this sacrament had the opportunity to do so. Thank you to Griffin Class who led the service so respectfully.



**Dragon Class Assembly:** On Thursday, Dragon Class gave their assembly on the topic of Ancient Egypt. They shared some interesting facts including a gruesome description of turning someone into a mummy. Luckily, no-one was harmed in the modelling of this process. The children also shared some of their wonderful artwork including scarab beetles and Tutankhamun style death masks. The children have worked really hard on their topic work and it lovely to see them share this with the school and parents.

**Forest School:** There is a change of date to one of the Dragon Class sessions this term. Due to the number of events going on in the last week of term, Forest School will not happen on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, but on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December instead.

**Leaders in Faith:** This week, our chaplaincy team have been working hard to create some beautiful Christmas cards to send to several of the Nursing and Care homes in our local community. The children decided they wanted to do this as part of the action plan they drew up a couple of weeks ago.

**Poppy Appeal:** We wish to thank all those who contributed to our British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised a total of £249.75 for this very worthy cause.

**Christmas Tree:** Our Christmas tree is standing proud, if rather empty, in the entrance hall. Please encourage your child to make a decoration to hang on the tree as part of their Advent preparations for Christmas.

**Breakfast/Afterschool Club:** Mr Paines has asked if all parents could complete an on-line survey about the Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs. This will help us all understand why people use or don't use it! It will also help improve the service offered to ensure we are meeting the needs of as many users as possible. Please follow the link and complete the survey even if you do not currently use this service. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J7Y5X5J>

**Advent Food Bank collection:** Our food bank collection is underway – thank you to all those who have donated this week – two weeks to go to try to get as much as we can to help those people who won't be enjoying a decent Christmas dinner with family unless we support them. If each child can bring one item each week for the last two weeks of term we will have a substantial amount of food to donate. If we could focus on general food items next week and then bring something 'Christmassy' on the last week of term that would be wonderful. Thank you as always for your generosity.

**Clothes:** We have a very large box and pile of lost clothing held at the school office. This include coats, jumpers, shoes – all sorts! And none of it is named! If you have lost any items, please ask at the office to hunt through the pile. Could you also check that your child's clothing, shoes etc. is all named and check regularly that the name is still visible as they do fade over time. All named clothing that is found is returned

to the child's classroom immediately. We will hold this clothing for another week and then add it to our clothing bank. Thank you.

*Custockling*

And all St Benedict's Staff ☺

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children**

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper. This is not a mufti day.

#### **Reminders:**

Please ensure all haircuts / styles are in keeping with school uniform policy.

Please also ensure that children bringing packed lunch have a healthy, balanced meal and that they are not bringing in packets of sweets for their lunch. A small biscuit or snack bar is okay but bags of haribo etc. are not appropriate. Thank you

#### **Stars of the Week:** Written by Harry R and Toby (Y5)

Phoenix: Alfie and Louie for setting a good example in behaviour and attitude around school.

Griffin: Sadie for always being helpful and thoughtful. Sam for super effort in his explanation text on the pillars of Islam.

Dragon: Whole class for their amazing assembly and working hard in their assessments this week.

Pegasus: Lola for her enthusiasm and questions around fossils. Evie for her super independent work on fossils. Logan for doing his very best work on fossils.

Unicorn: Lucas for producing lots of work and really working hard. Maria for her excellent letter to Santa.

Sprite: Lilia and Hannah for their super work on ordering a letter.

Imp: Lily for doing fantastic sound work. Willow for working hard on one more and one less in maths.

#### **Events**

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity to Parents	9.30 am
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Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity to Parents	6.00 pm
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Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Rainbow Theatre performance	
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Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	
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Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service @ Stratton on the Fosse	6.30 pm
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Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Autumn Term ends	
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#### **Masses and Assemblies**

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Phoenix Class Assembly	11.40 am
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Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Mass (all welcome)	11.15 am
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#### **Clubs for this term:**

##### ***Lunchtime:***

Monday –

Tuesday – Leaders in Faith (KS2) 12.15

Wed/Thurs – Recorders 12.15

##### ***After school***

Monday – Robotics to 4.30

Tuesday –

Wed – Mr Paines, Y1,2,3 Football to 4.30

Thurs – Christmas Band to 4 pm

Friday – Mr Paines Y4,5,6 Football to 4.30