

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Well done to all in Nursery and Reception classes for the beautiful Advent Assembly last week. They reminded us that the Season of Advent is a time when we have to be patient and attentive as we wait for God's Son to be born into our lives again at Christmas. Thank you parents for your attendance and I hope you enjoyed the performance.

Tuesday 6th December 2pm - Years 1, 2 and 3 are busy rehearsing for The Nativity when we welcome Jesus into our world. We look forward to seeing you at this performance, all are welcome to attend.

Thursday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Year 1-6 classes will attend Mass in English Martyrs church at 9.30am, parents are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 13th December 4:30pm - The Years 4, 5 and 6 will present our school Carol Service in the outdoor playgrounds where we will all make our 'pilgrimage to Bethlehem' to welcome Jesus. This is the first outdoor carol service, it should be very special. Wrap up warm!

Carols By Candlelight Saturday 10th December 6:00pm - You are invited to English Martyrs Church for 'Carols by Candlelight' on Saturday 10th December at 6pm. This Carol Service is a Fundraising event in support of English Martyrs Parish. The School Choir has been invited to sing at the Service and I hope that you will be able to attend and make this a lively and joyful evening.

If your child is a member of the school choir or church choir I would appreciate it if you would please confirm their participation and attendance on Monday so they can practise with Mrs Simon.

Entrance fee is £5.00, children under 10 years are free. Festive snacks and mulled wine will be on sale and raffle prizes to be won. Tickets for the raffle are also on sale at school gates for those who may be unable to attend but wish to contribute to the parish.

Advent preparations – Years 4, 5 and 6 will attend Mass one lunchtime during Advent and Fr Alex will hear their Confessions after the Mass. We usually hold confessions in school but want children to receive this Sacrament in the sanctuary of a Church.

Carol singing events - Year 5 will sing at Old Broad St on 6th Dec 12.30 and Y6 will sing at The Loom, Back St Lane 7th Dec at 12.30. These events will raise funds for our school and charities.

St Mother Teresa's Advent Challenge

Our Faith Friends led assembly today and used St Mother Teresa's challenge to 'welcome Jesus into our hearts, hearts full of love, compassion, joy and peace.'

This Christmas the school will be collecting donations for Hurtado Refugee Centre, Providence Row Homeless Shelter and local food banks. A wish-list for these charities includes non-perishable foods and toiletries. Collection boxes have been placed in the foyer for your donations. Posters for these charities have been put in leaflet section on school website.

Sponsored spell

Pupils from Reception to Year 6 have been given a Christmas themed sponsored spelling sheet. Pupils can learn the spellings at home to be ready for their spelling test on 13th December. Parents, family and friends are asked to help by sponsoring the children per word or whole list to raise funds for the school.

Many thanks for your cooperation and support. I look forward to seeing you some of the above events

Miss Nugent

