



## SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School 25th November 2022



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you for your continued support. Your children continue to be a credit to you; I am very proud of their hard work and resilience. Here is some information about Advent, Christmas and things that are happening over the next couple of weeks in school. **Mrs M Butt**



### ADVENT

This **year** Advent begins on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means a coming or arrival. In the Church, it refers to the period encompassing the four Sundays prior to Christmas. It is a time of penance, of turning away from sin and hopeful, joyous preparation for the coming of the Saviour. This is what makes Advent special for Christians: the recognition that Christmas is not just “the birthday of Jesus,” but a celebration of his coming into our world today, here and now. During Advent we will ‘prepare’ for Jesus’ arrival by reflecting on the themes of hope, love, joy and peace.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir	St. Paul's Jarrow, Carols by Candlelight 6pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception, Y1 & Y2	Nativity in Church – 10am
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery	Nursery Nativity/Sing-a-long 10.30am (all nursery children will be morning session today – 30 hour children will stay all day)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Infant	Nursery and Infant Christmas Party
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Juniors	Junior Christmas Party
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Choir	The Word, South Shields – 10.30am
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Whole School	Christmas Lunch
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Whole School	KS2 Carol Service and whole school Candlelight Mass. 9.15am in Church. You are all welcome to join us



## **CHRISTMAS GIFTS – REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

As we enter into the season of Advent and start to prepare for Christmas we know that you can feel under pressure to buy your child's teacher and teaching assistant a gift. As staff we have reflected on the added pressure this may put on our families as the cost of living continues to rise. Whilst gifts are lovely and much appreciated, teaching your children and seeing them smile is enough. We would much prefer that you treat your families and loved ones or show your thanks and kindness whilst developing the children's understanding of social responsibility by donating something to our local 'Key 2 Life Food Bank'.

This Advent we are going to create a reverse Advent Calendar. We will collect items for the food bank each day during Advent. There will be a trolley in the yard for you to add in any donations of food or toiletries for the food bank.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Butt

## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES – WED 21st DECEMBER**

Monday 19th December - Nursery & Infant Classes

Tuesday 20th December – Junior



## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Wednesday 21st December**

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 21st December. If your child is usually on packed lunch, please email Mrs Lee [info@sspeterpaul.s-tyneside.sch.uk](mailto:info@sspeterpaul.s-tyneside.sch.uk) if you would like to pay for a dinner on that day. If children want to, they can wear a Christmas jumper or top, hat or hairband on Christmas lunch day. Please don't go out and buy things to wear just for this day- we can always make a Christmas hat in school.

## **FUNDRAISING**

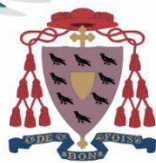
Thank you for your generous support. We raised a fantastic:

☐ Children in Need - £171.59

☐ Poppy Appeal – British Legion to confirm

**School closes on Friday 23rd December at 3.15pm.**

**School will reopen on Monday 9th January 2023 for the beginning of our Spring Term**



CHADWICK'S  
KITCHEN

# Christmas Menu

**Roast Turkey, Stuffing and  
Pigs in Blankets**

**Or  
Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry  
Slice**

**Served with  
Roast Potatoes, Mashed Potato, Peas,  
Carrots, Sprouts, Roast Parsnips and  
Gravy**

**For Dessert  
Chocolate Fudge Cake  
Or  
College Pudding**



*Merry Christmas*