



# Arnside National Primary School

*'Aspire – Believe – Achieve'*

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Dear parent / carer,

As we approach advent, festive fun is in the air and our Christmas Craft week has been a hive of activity. All the classes have been busy creating tree decorations which will be available to purchase at the FOANS Christmas social this Friday. The Year 6 pupils have been designing fun games and the School Council have created special festive pebbles which apparently will bring you good luck for the next year ahead.

### Christmas Tree donation

School has been thrilled to receive a wonderful Christmas Tree donation from Carr Bank Garden Centre. On behalf of all the staff, pupils and parent / carers, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Richard and the team for their kind gift – it's very much appreciated.

### FOANS Christmas Social

Everyone is very excited about the Social this Friday and the donations have been fantastic. Local businesses have been extremely generous and our hampers are looking great. The generosity from the school community has been exceptional and it's a lovely reflection of our school vision.

*NOTE: Christmas Social is 5.00 – 7.00pm.*

### Infant Nativities

Rehearsals are in full swing and it looks set to be another wonderful, heart-warming production. The ambitious infant team have planned 3 performances this year, all of which will take place in St James' Church. All are welcome to attend and join in the festive fun.

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm

For the evening performance, pupils need to be back at school at 5.30pm. After the performance, pupils are to be collected from school as usual and not directly from St James'.

### Carol Service

The juniors are busy learning and practising their carols in preparation for the service on *Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6.00pm*. Again, all are welcome to attend and join us for a selection of readings and carols – a wonderful way to end the term and celebrate this special time of year together.





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## Holly Bank

Year 6 pupils will be spreading some Christmas love by singing carols to the residents and staff of Holly Bank Care Home. It's a wonderful opportunity to support the wider community and the pupils are excited at the prospect.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, pupils are invited to dust off their festive knits and wear their Christmas jumper for the day. We are very aware of the number of donations and requests that have been made over the half term and therefore a £1 donation is optional. All proceeds collected will be sent to 'Save the Children' and donations can be sent via School Hub.

## Celebration Worship

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec we will be holding our half termly Celebration Worship in St James' Church. As well as weekly certificates and Star Quality Awards, pupils will have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements outside school by bringing in awards gained over the last half term. Members of St James' are also offering refreshments from 1.45pm.

Further dates for the remainder of the term include:

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Non-uniform day (Chocolate donation) FOANS Christmas Social
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper day
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infants 'Victorian Christmas' experience, Leighton Hall
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity, 9.30am
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity, 6.00pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity, 2.00pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Celebration Worship, 2.15pm (refreshments from 1.45pm)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y6 Carol singing, Holly Bank Care Home KS2 Carol service, 6.00pm, St James' Church
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School breaks up for Christmas, 2.00pm
(Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Pupils start back)

Thank you for your help and support,

Mr Sharp

