

## Forthcoming Christmas Events at Balshaw's

Dear Parents and Carers

The season of Advent and the exciting run-up to Christmas is here again! As you would expect, there is plenty in the calendar at Balshaw's as we prepare to celebrate the message that Christ brought to the world. The different events appear in order below, starting this Friday!

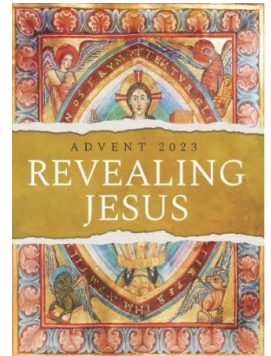
Of course all of our students will be going to St Andrew's Parish Church on Monday 18th December for our annual Carol Service and Year 11 will enjoy a performance of A Christmas Carol on Wednesday 20th December as well as our prefects and stewards enjoying a pizza and quiz night.

Don't forget that school will close early for Christmas at 1.00pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

As well as all the events, do take time to have a look at Blackburn Diocese's Advent reflections.

You can download the booklet [here](#)...

Or if you would like to receive your daily advent reflection in your email each day up to Christmas, you can subscribe [here](#)...



### Quizmas Adventure

Our Balshaw's Association PTA are hosting a fabulously festive family 'Quizmas' night on Friday 1st December from 7pm!

It will be a great night for all the family. There is a tuck shop and a raffle and you are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy.

Adult tickets are £2 and include delicious mulled wine and mince pie with free entry for children!

Christmas jumpers are an optional festive extra!

Tickets are available on ParentPay [here](#). You can find more information about the PTA [here](#).



### Advent Memorial Service Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30pm

Each year we hold a Memorial Service at the beginning of Advent.

This year the service will be held at 5.30pm on Monday 4th December. It is a chance to remember loved ones and also celebrate the beginning of Advent.

The service will start at 5.30pm. If you would like to attend and light a candle in memory of someone known personally to you or the school, please fill in this form. The 50p will be collected on the day but we want to ensure we have sufficient candles.

We will have a short act of collective worship, reflection and prayer that will be led by Reverend Paul Davies in the Main Hall overlooking our Memorial Garden. The service will last approximately 30 minutes.



Our Memorial Garden was built in memory of a former student who died and is a focus point for reflection and prayer at the heart of the school. It is a place where Balshavians past and present have come to remember loved ones.

We hope that you feel like us, that this will be a fitting start to the Advent season and a poignant memorial to our loved ones.

For more information, please contact the school office.

Our Eco and Fairtrade Committee are wanting to make improvements to our Memorial Garden and have setup a GoFundMe page to help with this. We would welcome donations and you can find all the details here: <https://www.balshaws.org.uk/about-the-school/eco-and-fairtrade-committee>.

### **Christmas Silent Disco Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 - 8.00pm**

We are thrilled to be hosting another silent disco for our Year 7 & 8 students on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm.

The best way to spread Christmas cheers is singing loud for all to hear!

Delicious hot dogs will be available to buy for £1 and there will also be a tuck shop.

Tickets are £4 and available on ParentPay [here](#).



### **Merry Melodies Christmas Concert**

We are excited to be hosting a 'Merry Melodies' Christmas Concert on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 5.30pm.

Why not begin your Christmas celebrations by attending this fabulous concert, where our talented students will fill you with Christmas cheer performing their favourite Christmas songs!

Adult tickets are £4 and under 16s are £2 and they are available on ParentPay [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you all!

