

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

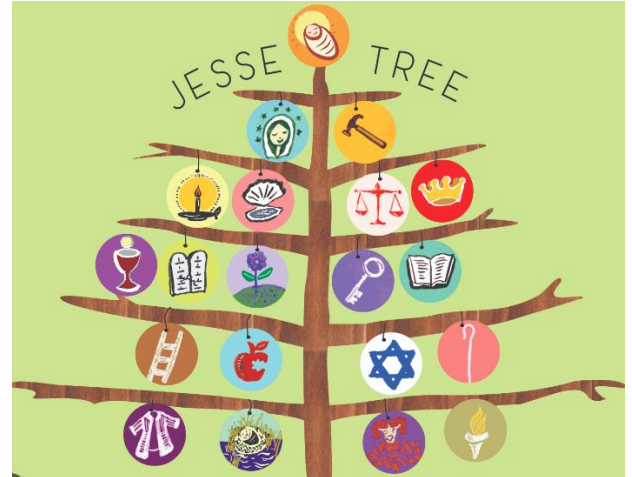
Newsletter 25th November 2022

Unlocking potential together in faith and love

Mission

Each Monday we share our mission of the week in our whole school assembly. Our mission for the week is for children to reflect during our class prayer time. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

This weekend marks the start of Advent. This is a wonderful time of the year when we prepare for Jesus' birth. During this time, we will be using a Jesse Tree which is a bit like an Advent calendar, except every day in Advent we hear a Bible story about someone in Jesus' family tree, and allow the story to help us prepare spiritually as we move towards Christmas. It's called a Jesse Tree, because Jesus is a descendant of King David, son of Jesse. Each day, the children will take part in Be still and use the stories from the Jesse tree to think about and reflect on questions.



Stars of the Week

Rec- Liam
Year 1- Malik
Year 2- Michael
Year 3- Alex
Year 4- Julia
Year 5- Anisa
Year 6- Louis

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 89.6%%
Year 1- 88.9%
Year 2-91.0%
Year 3- 96.0%
Year 4- 92.4%
Year 5 96.1%
Year 6- 90.0%
Whole school- 95.2%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Mass to Celebrate the Start of Advent - Monday 28th November 9:15am in the Cathedral

All parents and carers are invited to join the whole school for Mass in the Cathedral on Monday 28th November at 9:15am – this is a wonderful time for prayer and reflection at a busy time of year.

Advent Retreat – Years 5 and 6 – Tuesday 29th November

On Tuesday, children in Years 5 and 6 will take part in an Advent retreat at school, led by staff from Castlerigg Manor. This is an opportunity for the children to take part in activities which will help them to reflect on the season of Advent, when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Year 6 lead Whole School Prayer – Wednesday 30th November at 3:00pm

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to join us in the hall at 3:00pm on Wednesday afternoon for our time of prayer.

Donation Of Chocolates

Thank you for all your generous donations of chocolate and money to school this will help amazingly towards the Christmas Fayre.

Parish Advent Family Session – Saturday 26th November 10.30am – 12.00pm

To prepare for the season of Advent and also launch the First Holy Communion Preparation Programme, there is a family session on Saturday 26th November 10.30 to 12.00 in the Cathedral Social Centre.

Save The Date For Nativity

Reception and Key stage 1 will be performing their Nativity on 6th December at 2pm and 6pm in the Cathedral. Tickets will be available free of charge from the office. Please come and get yours. More details to follow.

Christmas cards

If you would like to buy your child's Christmas cards please pay on Parent pay or send cash in by Monday. Thank you to anyone who has already sent their money in. The cards will come to you via your child's book bag in a couple of weeks.

Raffle tickets

Thank you to those who have already sent in money and tickets. Please send tickets and money in to the school office. Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas fair.

Christmas Fayre

For the first time in three years the PTA are holding their Christmas Fair on Friday 9th December 5-7pm. This takes a lot of organising behind the scenes and we really want it to be a success. We have lots of games, stalls, crafts, refreshments on the night and hopefully Santa may drop by but we need YOUR help. If you are able to give half an hour of your time or more to help on the night to man a stall please come forward to Mrs Holt or volunteer on the PTA page. The more help we have the better so we can raise money for our wonderful children.

Non uniform day Friday 2nd December

Children can come in own clothes on Friday in exchange for a present for the secret room. The present MUST be suitable for an adult either male or female. Please only send in new and unopened gifts and they do not need to be wrapped.

Ten:Ten Parent Prayer Portal

During Advent, we will be using the Jesse Tree resource from Ten:Ten everyday for prayer and reflection. Parents are able to access and use this prayer resource at home by using the following portal:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Username: CathedralParents

Password: cathedral22

We hope you will be able to find time to enjoy this resource as a family during Advent.

Dates for your diary – it is a busy few weeks so please look carefully for which dates are relevant for your child

25th November – Non uniform day in exchange for chocolate for Christmas Fair
Anglo Saxon visitor for Year 4

28th November – Advent mass for all school and parents – 9.15am

29th November – Castlerigg to lead Year 5 and 6 Advent retreat in school.

30th November – Visit to Williamson park

2nd December - Non uniform day in exchange for new and unwanted gifts for adults for Christmas Fair
Reception stay and play 2pm
Christchurch Christmas Tree festival

6th December - 2pm and 6pm Nativity for Reception and KS1

7th December – KS2 to Robin Hood at the Dukes Theatre

9th December - Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle for Christmas Fayre

9th December - 5- 7pm Christmas Fayre in school

12th December – Year 6 homework display for parents 2pm
Choir singing in the playground

13th December- Christmas jumper day for St Francis Group
Reception and KS1 to Robin Hood at the Dukes Theatre am
Reception and KS1 Christmas Party

14th December – Secret room. Children can bring in £2.50 to buy a gift for an adult at home. It will be gift wrapped with a personal gift tag
Year 5 and 6 Ice skating experience.

KS2 Christmas parties

15th December – Whole school carol service in the Cathedral 2-3pm

16th December- **School closes at 1:30pm for the Christmas holidays.**