

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

*'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ' 2 Peter 3: 18*



## Advent

'Follow the Star- Join the Song' from the Church of England has been the focus during advent this term.

We have explored the Christmas carol; The First Nowell and in particular from Luke's gospel the nativity story with the Shepherds,

Angels, Kings and the people.



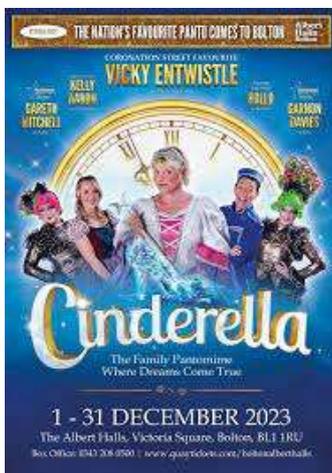
## Christmas Celebrations

The children have been really busy over the last couple of weeks. The worship group made the Christingles for the service in church and the choir sang beautiful carols at the Christingle service in St John's church on Sunday morning.

Members of the school council and choir visited Aarondale Nursing home earlier this week. The residents loved hearing the children sing and enjoyed a game of bingo!



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I hope the children told you all about their theatre visit! Cinderella at the Albert Halls, Bolton was a brilliant show, the children loved seeing the live performance. Many thanks to the school governors and parent volunteers who accompanied the staff and children. Many thanks to Miss Stringfellow who prepped all the lunches early so that the children could leave during lunchtime. Tomorrow Willow and Sycamore visit the Octagon theatre in Bolton to watch 'Around the World in 80 days'

Next Tuesday is our Reception and Key Stage 1 performance 'A King is born'. This is a ticket only event. Raffle tickets will also be sold before the **performances on Tuesday at 2pm and 6pm**. The tickets are £1 a strip and there are some great prizes. Refreshments will also be available. The raffle will be drawn after the 6pm performance. **There is the opportunity to purchase a digital download of the performance, if you missed the order form then please contact the school office.**

## NEXT WEEK

**Carol Service-** Please bring all children directly to the Church on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** for the **Carol Service at 9am**. Children may wear their Christmas Jumper with a donation to the 'Save the Children' charity.

If your child is due to attend **breakfast club**, please ensure they are in school for **8.10am** as the children and staff will then set off and walk to church.

Families and friends are welcome to stay with us for the Carol Service. Also, any assistance in walking the whole school back up to school would be much appreciated.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** is party day and so children may wear their own party clothes!

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Still to come this week!

<b>Christmas Bingo</b>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December doors open 5.30pm- eyes down at 6!
<b>Breakfast with Santa</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December from 8.15am

Upcoming dates for your diary	Events
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 2 visit Octagon theatre 'Around the World in 80 days'
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Carol Service in church
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas dinner day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas jumper day – raising funds for Save the Children
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Class party day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	END of TERM school closes at 2pm

**School reopens on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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