



NEWSLETTER

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w/e Friday 6th December, 2024

Welcome, Ласкаво просимо, добро пожаловать, Witamy, Sveiki, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, ยินดีต้อนรับ to our weekly newsletter.



Countdown to Christmas Kindness Calendar



The reverse advent calendar started this week. Collection boxes in each class, please see page 3

Y6 Stay & Make with Grandparents

Year 6 would like to invite Grandparents to a stay and make session on Monday 9th December, 2024 starting promptly at 2.30 pm until 3.30 pm



Please come along, something for everyone!

We would be very grateful for donations of tombola prizes, sweets, chocolates, books, cakes for the cake stall and bottles of anything for a bottle tombola. Please send to school with your child or via the school office on Monday or Tuesday morning. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Productions

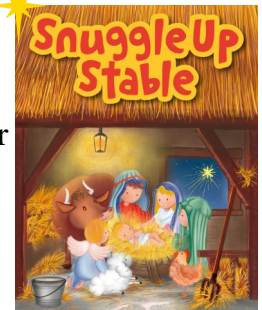
Reception Class Performance of 'Snuggle Up Stable'

on Thursday 12/12/24 at 2.15 pm in Holy Family Church.

Please arrive for a **prompt** 2.15 pm start, doors will open at 1.45 pm.

Raffle tickets will be on sale before this performance. All proceeds in aid of outdoor equipment.

The class would be very grateful for donations of prizes for their raffle.



Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 11/12/24

The Christmas lunch menu is available for all children.

For Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 the cost is £2.20, which can be booked and paid for via the Dinners section on My Child At School. Children can also order in class on the day. There is no charge for children entitled to free school meals and children in Reception Class, Y1 and Y2, as they qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals.

The usual charge will also apply to children in Nursery.



VACANCIES



We currently have two Teaching Assistant vacancies. Full details about both positions and the application packs are available via the link below, or from the school office.

The closing date for applications is 9.00 am on Monday 16th December, 2024.

<https://bhcet.org.uk/job-vacancies/search/school:darlington>

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Seth T Jimmy H Oliver W Oscar W Esme H
Noah N Ellaria S Nancy S William S Alice H

Reception Class 2025 - Please Visit Us!



If you, your family or friends are applying for a school place for September 2025 and would like to visit or revisit us during the school day, please contact the school office.

Nursery

Waiting lists for Holy Family Nursery are open, although places are limited. Please contact us to arrange a visit.

Attendance Stars

The Class with the best weekly attendance will be rewarded with an additional activity.

This week's Attendance Stars
are

**Year
Congratulations!**

Plastic Bottle Lids



Thank you for the donations we have received so far. Please continue to send in any plastic bottle caps or lids ... just the lids! They can be any size and any colour. Thank you!

Class Outings

YR Theatre Hullabaloo on Thursday 19/12/24
Details have been emailed to families

LiveSimply

Christmas Cards Reminder

We are currently working towards our CAFOD Live Simply Award. This year during Advent, we are asking that children do not exchange Christmas cards with each other. Instead, classes are making cards for school which will be displayed in the hall.

Term Dates

School closes for Christmas on
Friday 20th December, 2024
and reopens on
Monday 6th January, 2025

Details of 2024, 2025 & 2026 term dates are available on our website. Click the calendar icon or see the documents section in My Child At School.



Extended Horrible Histories Appeal

We would like to extend our appeal for donations of Horrible Histories books in good condition. Thank you for the books we have received so far, these will be great resources for the children. Please send any books to school with your child or to the school office. Thank you.



Absence Due To Illness

Please allow children to have 48 hours clear of any sickness, upset tummy or illness before they return to school. This will allow them to recover, start eating properly again and help to stop illness spreading. Please inform the school office by email or telephone of any illness before 9.10 am. Thank you



Dates For Your Diary!

Christmas Productions

Year 1 & Year 2
on Tuesday 17/12/24 at 2.00 pm

Year 3 & Year 4 Production
on Thursday 19/12/24 at 2.00 pm

Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Liturgy
on Friday 20/12/24 at 2.30 pm

More details to follow!

Christmas Jumper Day



On Monday 16th December, 2024, children are invited to wear their festive jumpers with their uniform.

Christmas Jumper Donation / Swap Box

We have started to receive donations in the box in the main entrance, more needed. Please take a look, you are welcome to donate one that doesn't fit and/or help yourself to one from the box.

Bambinelli Sunday on Sunday 15th December, 2024



The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is also called Bambinelli Sunday. Traditionally, children and adults in Rome bring figures of the Christ child from their family's nativity scene to St Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope.

Father Kevin will be blessing Bambinellis at 9.00 am Mass on Sunday 15/12/24.

All families welcome to attend.



Countdown to Christmas Kindness Calendar



Reverse Advent Calendar

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23	24	25				

Collections have started this week towards the 'freshen up' and 'keep warm' gift bags.

Children in Year 6 are really enjoying helping to organise and co-ordinate the Advent appeal as part of their Faith In Action Pin Award.

There are collection boxes in each classroom, please send any contributions to school with your child or items can be delivered to the school office. Thank you for your continued support.