



NEWSLETTER

"Seeing Christ in ourselves and others"



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w/e Friday 22nd November, 2024

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



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.

VACANCIES

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

The closing date for both vacancies is 9.00 am on Monday 2nd December, 2024. Please contact us with any questions.



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.

Progress Meetings

Thank you to all families who have attended the progress meetings this week. Staff are really looking forward to meeting with more families next week.

Appointments can be booked in the **Parents Evening** section of **My Child At School**. On arrival for your appointment, your child's books will be available for you to look through to see some of their wonderful work from this term. Please could we urge you to try and come along.

Monday 25th November, 2024 - Year 1

Tuesday 26th November, 2024 - Reception Class

Thursday 28th November, 2024 - Year 5



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

APPLY NOW FOR A PLACE AT HOLY FAMILY, DARLINGTON

www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-years/admissions/apply-online



School Places for 2025

If you, your family or friends would like to visit or revisit us during the school day, please contact the school office.

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

Year 5 Class Liturgy - Save The Date

Year 5 would like to invite families to attend their class liturgy in the hall on **Friday 29th November, 2024**. Please arrive promptly for a 3.00 pm start.



Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Lilly C

Xander P

Rosie S

Arabella W

Sofia V

School Photographs Orders



If you would like to take advantage of the free delivery to school, please order via the Tempest website by

Tuesday 26th November, 2024.

Orders can still be placed after this date, but they will not qualify for free delivery

Parking & Stopping Reminder

Please do not park or stop on the double yellow lines near Holy Family Presbytery to pick up/drop off pupils. In the interests of safety, double yellow lined areas must be kept clear at all times and this area is often busy with families walking to school. Thank you for your support.

Attendance Stars

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

This week's Attendance Stars are

**Year 2
Congratulations!**

Horrible Histories Appeal

We would like to appeal for donations of any Horrible Histories books in good condition, as the ones we currently have in school are really used.

Please send any books to school with your child or to the school office. Thank you.



Parish Secretary Post



The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle are currently advertising for a Parish Secretary for the Darlington North Parishes. Full details and an application pack are available via the link below.

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Darlington-Parish-Secretary-Nov-2024.pdf>

Closing date 12 noon on Monday 25th November, 2024.

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!

Please Support The Reverse Advent Calendar

This Advent at Holy Family we are encouraging children to think of others in the run up to Christmas. When I have taken some of our collections to the foodbanks and shelters, the staff have said that often they are short of donations of warm socks, gloves and also hygiene products, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant. They said that often this causes great embarrassment to homeless people because they are aware they have been unable to wash. This year we are doing a reverse Advent calendar, where pupils, if they can, can contribute to 'freshen up' and 'keep warm' gift bags. Look out for the Advent Calendar attachment being sent to families by email.



Countdown to Christmas
Kindness Calendar



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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31		



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

Reception Class
On Thursday 12/12/24 at 2.15 pm

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!

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Fair

Tuesday 10th December, 2024

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

All school families welcome

Stalls, Games & Refreshments

Fundraising towards new books for school

School Hall

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 11th December, 2024

Menu

Roast Turkey

or

Quorn Roast

Served with

Yorkshire Pudding

Sage & Onion Stuffing

Roast Potatoes

Seasonal Vegetables

Christmas Crispy Cake

or

Sprinkles Fairy Cake



Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 11/12/24

The Christmas lunch menu will be served in school on Wednesday 11/12/24 and will be available for all children. For children in Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 the cost is £2.20. 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.

Christmas Fair Donations Please

We would be very grateful for donations of:-

Raffle & Tombola Prizes.

Sweets & Chocolates

Cakes, Cookies/Biscuits,

Mince Pies

Good quality books.

Bottles of anything such as, wine, water, shampoo, juice etc.

Unwanted gift & bottle bags.

Items can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the school office.

Thank you

Christmas Jumpers



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

Christmas Jumper Donation / Swap Box

There will be a box in the main school entrance for donations of any unwanted/outgrown Christmas jumpers. Please donate one that doesn't fit and/or help yourself to one from the box.