



# NEWSLETTER

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Friday 2nd December, 2022

Welcome, добро пожаловать, Witamy, Sveiki, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, ยินดีต้อนรับ to our latest Newsletter.

Come along to a **Stay & Make Session** in your child's class.



Please enter via the main entrance and please arrive promptly, so you don't miss the start.

Reception Class - Tuesday 6th December, 2022  
from 2.15 pm

Year 3 - Wednesday 7th December, 2022  
from 2.15 pm

Year 2 - Thursday 8th December, 2022  
from 2.15 pm

**Reception Class & Year 6 Buddies Mass**

Parents and families are invited to join us at Mass on Friday 9th December, 2022 from 9.15 am in Holy Family Church. All welcome.

**Christmas Jumper Day**  
Thursday 8th December, 2022



## Class Outings



Y6 are Carol Singing at a Sheltered Housing Accommodation on Monday 5/12/22.

YR will visit Theatre Hullabaloo, Darlington on Thursday 8/12/22.

## Christmas Productions

Year 3 & Year 4 Production  
on Tuesday 13/12/22 at 2.00 pm

EYFS Production  
on Wednesday 14/12/22 at 2.00 pm

Year 1 & Year 2 Production  
on Thursday 15/12/22 at 2.00 pm

Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Liturgy  
on Tuesday 20/12/22 at 2.30 pm

More details to follow!



## Fundraising Christmas Fair

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the parents, grandparents, family members, friends, children and Holy Family Mini Vinnies who planned, donated to, worked at and came and supported the Christmas Fair this week.

It was such a success, raising an amazing £1020.00 to buy resources for the wonderful children of our school. Well done! Some pictures have been added to our website gallery.

<https://holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk/about-us/gallery/>

**Unclaimed Raffle Prize from the Christmas Fair**  
White Tickets 326 to 330

Please contact the School Office

# Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week

Jimmy H

Alice H

Medeleina K



## Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December, 2022

### Menu

Roast Turkey  
Sage & Onion stuffing  
Pigs in Blankets

Or

Quorn Casserole

*served with*  
Roast Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots  
Broccoli Florets

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Chocolate Brownie  
Or  
Festive Ice Cream



### Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 14/12/22

The Christmas lunch menu is available to all children. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and they would like to have the Christmas menu, please book via Scopay.

Children in Reception Class, Y1 and Y2 do not need to pay as they qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals. For children in Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 the cost is £2.20. There is no charge for children entitled to free school meals. Please contact us with any questions. Please book by Friday 9/12/22

### Bambinelli Sunday



The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is also called Bambinelli Sunday. This is where the children and adults in Rome bring their figures of the Christ Child - Bambinelli - from their family's nativity scene to St Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope. After Mass, the infant Jesus figures are wrapped up and they are the first thing to be opened on Christmas morning and placed in the crib/nativity scene.

Several classes have been making Bambinellis which can be taken along to Mass at 9.00 am on Sunday 11th December, 2022 where Father Kevin will bless the Bambinellis. All welcome.

### Attendance Stars

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

This week's Attendance Stars

are

Year 6

Congratulations!

### IMPORTANT Sports Team T-Shirts

We have a few blue sports team t-shirts that haven't been returned after children have competed at events.

Please could these be returned to Miss Dove on Monday. Thank you



### Arriving At School

On a morning, please could children enter school via the playground gate entrance. Children should only enter via the main entrance if they are arriving after an appointment or are late for school. In which case a reason for late arrival will be requested and a late mark allocated in the register.

Thank you.





Working to become  
**Dementia  
Friendly**

This week Holy Family have started working to become a Dementia Friendly School.

Dementia Friendly Communities is part of an initiative with the Alzheimer's Society and aims to spread understanding of the condition affecting many members of the community, particularly the elderly.



Pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 have trained to become 'Dementia Friends' and have a programme of events planned. They will visit local sheltered housing, care homes and dementia friendly events. Year 6 are going Carol singing on Monday afternoon and in the New Year the Holy Family dementia friends have activities planned such as bingo afternoon and a Spring crafting together session.



### Faith In Action Award

Year 6 are taking part in the Faith In Action award this year. They will be completing three Acts of Service to achieve their Pin Award. We will do one Act of Service each term. Culminating in a presentation and award ceremony at the end of the Summer term. They will be writing in their journals regularly and reflecting on the Acts of Service they have completed.

For their first Act of Service pupils collected items to go in a parcel to the Colourful Dream School in Malawi. Each child worked with a partner to collect items and package them up.

