



Yesterday, we had a number of very excited children. Why, you ask? Many of them told me about their excitement of opening their Advent calendars and some have even had new visitors, in the form of elves. This is Advent, a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus so please point out all of the things that you are doing in your home to prepare. The Advent calendar is one way, a Christmas tree is another; think about the angel that we top our trees with, symbolising the Angel Gabriel. The Advent wreath with its evergreen leaves, showing us God's unending love for us and the red berries, symbolising the blood of Jesus, that was shed, at His death. There are many signs and symbols around us at this time and it is lovely to be able to point them out to your child.



We have embraced the Advent season with our first Advent Service yesterday. The Year 5 and Year 6 children led the service in St Joseph's Church and it was wonderful to see the school and parish come together and join as one. Year 3 and Year 4 Advent Service is on Monday 5th December at 9.30am. All are welcome to come along and join us. The services are being live streamed so you can watch it live or the recorded version through this link: fb.com/holyfamilyhartlepool



Our Year 3 children had a trip to the library this week; not only did they choose a book and hear a story, read to them by the librarian, they also looked at how CAD worked, designed a Christmas bauble and then came back to school and made the bauble. They all had a wonderful time.



The Reception children went on their very first school trip to Rossmere Forest School and had a wonderful time, despite the cold weather. They were learning about the season of Winter and found out what hibernation was, made pine cone hedgehogs and bird feeders and enjoyed a hot chocolate.

Nursery held an Open morning and afternoon this week and it was lovely to see the parents and grandparents joining in with their child.

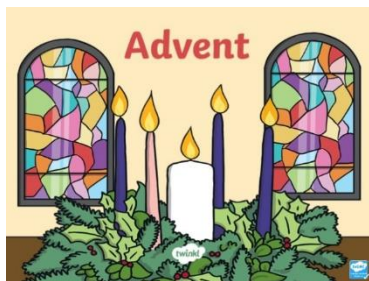


Well done to some of our netball team who played Red House School on Tuesday. Although it was a friendly match, the Year 5 and Year 6 children won all of their matches!



Last week, I talked about the staff and children being excited to watch the England match and that we had devised our own song to show our support but didn't put the link on to see the wonderful children. (Also no one noticed I hadn't put the link on – obviously it was deliberate mistake to check that people read the newsletter!) https://carmelorg-my.sharepoint.com/personal/arobinson_sacredheart_bhcet_org_uk/_layouts/15/stream.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Farobinson%5Fsacredheart%5Fbhcet%5Forg%5Fuk%2FDocuments%2FWorld%20Cup%20Video%2Emp4&ct=1669818925614&or=OWA-NT&cid=e32b7c47-5a80-a4c0-4335-14cdaff069ee&ga=1

More photos are available on our website: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/latest-news/>



This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. In this week's Holy Family Parish bulletin, there is a lovely section for the children, please share it with your child. The Holy Family Parish bulletin can be found by following this link: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/parish/> which will direct you to the school website.

Carols by Candlelight

Tickets are still available for our Carols by Candlelight event. Tickets are £1 from the school office, and this includes a hot drink and mince pie. There will be games, including bingo, to get involved in during the event.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our Christmas Fayre. We are still asking for any donations of chocolate or bottles for our tombola and any prizes that we can use in our raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent out on Monday, tickets are 20p or £1 a strip. Please tear off one side and return it, with your child's name and class on the reverse, along with the money. If you require any more tickets, please enquire at the school office. Your child will also bring home a brown envelope. We are asking you to put in a coin ranging from 5p - £2 and return it to school. This is for our world-famous money tree! It proves that money does actually grow on trees!

Pantomime

Just a reminder about the pantomime. We are going to Billingham Forum on Thursday 15th December. Children will be back at school between 4.30pm and 4.45pm and the cost is £14 per child. Payment for this can be made via Scopay, in small increments if you wish. **Please note, there will not be Munchkins that evening.**

ATTEND TODAY

ACHIEVE TOMORROW

ATTENDANCE

This week, our attendance was 93.3%

Well done to Class 6 who had the best attendance this week with 95.5%.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

w/b 5 th December	Parent Consultation Evenings
Monday 5 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Advent Service. St Joseph's Church at 9.30am
Tuesday 6 th December	Performing Arts Christmas concert – invitation only.
Wednesday 7 th December	Wear a Christmas item day.
Thursday 8 th December	Carols by Candlelight 5pm in the school hall. Tickets are £1 and are available from the school office.
Sunday 11th December	First Holy Communion Session 4
Monday 12 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 1.30pm, please purchase tickets.
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 9.30am, please purchase tickets.
	Reception Performance 1.30pm, please purchase tickets
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Fayre Parish Carol Service 5pm St Joseph's Church Reception Performance 9.30am, please purchase tickets
Thursday 15 th December	The Pantomime! Trip to Billingham Forum to see Beauty and the Beast
Saturday 17th December	Children, making their FHC will make their First Reconciliation
Tuesday 20 th December	School closes for the Christmas holidays
Wednesday 4 th January	School reopens at 8.30am

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Headteacher