

# St Anne's Weekly Newsletter - 23-24 - week 12

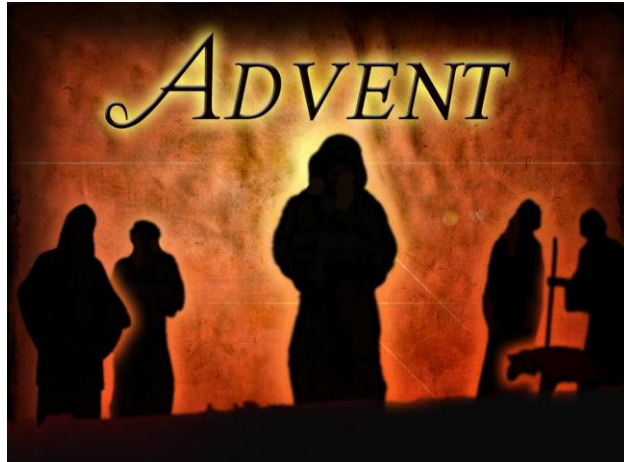


Our weekly newsletter is sent out at the start of each week with all the important updates from school with all the information to keep our parents and families up to date.

## Overview of updates for this week: 04.12.23

Our news for this week:

- Dates
- Fundraising and Donations
- Christmas message
- Open Afternoon - 06.12.23
- Picture News
- Social Media
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## Dates:

**05.12.23 - Motor Skills Workshop - Nursery**

**06.12.23 - Open Afternoon - sharing our learning**

**07.12.23 - Christmas Jumper Day/ Party clothes day - Save the Children**

**08.12.23 - In school - Panto for EYFS & KS1**

**12.12.23 - EYFS Nativity - more information to follow**

**13.12.23 - KS1 nativity - more information to follow**

**15.12.23 - Christmas Dinner Day**

**19.12.23 - KS2 Christmas Carol - more information to follow**

**20.12.23 - Christmas Party morning - children allowed to wear own clothes**

**20.12.23 - Last morning in school before the Christmas Holidays - we finish at 1pm**

## Fundraising and donations:

### This week

Christmas Jumper Day - money donations to be brought to raise money for Save the Children

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>



## Christmas Messages:

- We finish on Wednesday 20th December at 1pm
- Nativity information will be shared by classes for parents
- Some key stage two children will be doing carols for charities and homes in the area. This information will be shared by class staff and key stage leads
- Gift's for each child - each child will receive a Christmas gift in the last week
- Christmas Jumper Day - 7th December
- Christmas Dinner Day - 15.12.23 - if you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please speak to the main office. Please don't send your child without a packed lunch and expect they'll be able to have a dinner.
- Christmas party morning - 20th December - children can wear party clothes
- Christmas cards - if any children wish to send Christmas cards to staff and friends, they're more than welcome



## Open Afternoon 06.12.23:

We are having our termly open afternoon for parents on the 06.12.23

Please sign up to a half hour slot to see your child's learning.

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## Picture News:

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## Social Media:



At St Anne's we use Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. We use the social media platforms to communicate with our parents and the wider community. We share regular updates and information about what is going on in school. We also share children's learning on a weekly basis.

Have you followed our accounts?

Twitter - @Stannecrumpsall

Facebook page - @AnnesCrumpsall

## Instagram - stannescrumpsall

### Religious Education:

## Advent

Yesterday, Sunday 3rd December was the first Sunday in Advent. The first candle on the Advent wreath is lit, the Prophecy candle as it is also known signifies hope. Known as the Prophecy candle in remembrance of the prophets especially Isaiah who foretold the birth of Jesus, and represents the expectation felt in the anticipation of the coming Messiah.

This week the GIFT team will be going to church to celebrate mass and they will be taking our Advent wreath for a blessing.

Wednesday 6th December is a special feast day. The feast of St Nicholas. This is a special day for many of our families who will celebrate the occasion in different ways. Read here to learn the story of St Nicolas.

## The Story of St Nicholas

Nicholas was born over 1700 years ago, in a small village in Turkey. He had loving parents who raised him to follow the example of Jesus by caring for others, being kind, and saying his prayers. Sadly, Nicholas' parents died when he was still young, leaving him a very large sum of money. Nicholas remembered what his parents had taught him and decided to use his money for the good of others, rather than keep it all for himself.

As well as sharing what he had with those in need, Nicholas wanted to follow Jesus in other ways too, so when he grew up he became a priest. Fr Nicholas made such a special effort to take care of people and show them God's love that after a few years he was made a Bishop. A Bishop's role is very important. They have to look after thousands of people. Bishop Nicholas became known and loved throughout the land for his generosity to those in need and his concern for children. There are many stories of St Nicholas helping children and the poor. One legend tells of a poor man with three grown up daughters. In those days, when a girl married, the bride's father was expected to pay the new husband's family a large sum of money, called a dowry. But the poor man simply couldn't afford it. Because of this, his daughters were unable to marry and faced a life of poverty and hardship. Nicholas heard of the family's troubles and so, late at night, he passed by their house and threw a bag of gold coins in through the window.

The coins landed in the shoes of one of the daughters. Nicholas did this three times, once for each daughter, and every time the gold coins fell into the shoes of one of the girls. His help meant that all three daughters could be married and taken care of. By his humble love and service, St Nicholas had changed the lives of the girls and their father no longer worried about what was going to happen to them.

### *Reflection*

*Talk to your children about what we can learn from the story of St Nicholas. Look for answers such as 'sharing', 'caring for others' and 'helping those in need'. Highlight that St Nicholas loved much because he kept Jesus close to his heart through his prayers and by listening to what God wanted. During the excitement of Advent it can be tricky to remember the true meaning of Christmas. This year, let's keep Jesus close in our hearts, just as St Nicholas did.*

Share an Advent liturgy together at home;

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/the-little-liturgies> Episode 13 Mary and the Angel

### **Our Gospel Value for December – Hope**

We try hard to overcome difficulties and hope to succeed.

God of hope, who brought love into this world,

be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world,

be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world,

be the joy that dwells between us.  
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,  
be the centre, the focus of our lives  
always, and particularly this Advent time.  
Amen.

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel for this coming Sunday 10th December**

2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

#### **Mark 1: 1-8**

#### **John Prepares for Jesus**

**1** This is the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God,<sup>[a]</sup> **2** as the prophet Isaiah wrote:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you.

He will prepare your way.” [\*Malachi 3:1\*](#)

**3** “There is a voice of a man who

calls out in the desert:

‘Prepare the way for the Lord.

Make the road straight for him.” [\*Isaiah 40:3\*](#)

**4** John was baptizing people in the desert. He preached a baptism of changed hearts and lives for the forgiveness of sins. **5** All the people from Judea and Jerusalem were going out to John. They told about the sins they had done. Then they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. **6** John wore clothes made from camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. **7** This is what John preached to the people: “There is one coming later who is greater than I. I am not good enough even to kneel down and untie his sandals. **8** I baptize you with water. But the one who is coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

#### **Feast Days and notable events this week:**

5th International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

6th St Nicholas

7th St Ambrose, Bishop

8th Immaculate Conception



## Safeguarding:

**Please see attached Parent and Carer Communication Policy**

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## Attendance:



**See below attendance figures for last week of the half term.**

**Well Done to 4J on achieving the best attendance.**

Nursery - 80.3%

Reception H - 85%

Reception MC - 85.1%

Y 1C - 91.6%

Y 1S - 94.8%

Y 2O - 86.2%

Y 2HR - 88.5%

Y 3C - 96.4%

Y 3K - 96.4%

Y 4J - 98.7%

Y 4WD - 92.3%

Y 5WO - 96.2%

Y 5CK - 88.9%

Y 6B - 92.9%

Y 6WI - 87.7%

**If your child is not going to be able to come to school for any reason it is important that you let us know.**

**There are a number of ways to do this**

- 1. Report your child's absence using the Parentsapps**
- 2. Telephone school**

We may require evidence of the reasons for your child being absent (such as an appointment card / letter from your doctor) but please speak to a member of staff about your child's absence and we can let you know if we require any further evidence.

### **Punctuality**

Please ensure that children are on time for school. The gates close at 8.50am and all children are expected to be in class and registered by 8.55am. If your child is later than 8.50am they will receive a L (late) mark. If your child is later than 9.20am they will receive a U (unauthorised) mark.

Latecomers cause disruption for pupils and teachers, and learning time is lost. All latecomers are recorded in a 'Late register' in the main entrance. Children should be collected punctually by a responsible adult (over the age of 16) at the time their class finishes. When children are not collected on time, they will wait in after school club and you will be charged for the session.



## Free School Meals:



Eligibility is based on one of the following benefits :

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Click on the link to see if you're eligible:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/apply>

## Updating Contact details:



It is really important that we have the most up to date details for us to be able to contact you - this makes sure that if there is an emergency or your child is not too well then we can get in touch with you or with someone that you have nominated to be able to care for your child in an emergency.

This also makes sure that we are sending out any letters / updates / newsletters to the correct email address.

Please make contact with the office if you feel your details need changing.

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