

Weekly Letter



Week Commencing 30th November 2020 Autumn Term week 14

This week is the **first week in Advent**. Mrs Alderson will be holding Advent Collective Worship every Monday and the children will take part in our Advent journey on 11th December in school. We also will be having a whole school Advent calendar, where the children will receive a special treat each day.

This week we will be holding our first **telephone parents consultations**. All appointments have now been sent out. We begin with Class 4 today followed by Class 3 tomorrow, Reception on Wednesday and Class 2 on Thursday. If you need a reminder of your time or you need to cancel your appointment, please let us know by ringing the office.

The Gala Theatre are producing an online **pantomime** this year. It will be put on their website in 4 episodes of around 5 minutes each from 14th December. We hope to watch this in school as a Christmas treat but we thought that families might like to watch it too, you can find it by clicking this link

<https://www.thisisdurham.com/whats-on/gala-durhams-virtual-pantomime-rottenchops-revenge-p1065811>

We have had several questions from parents regarding presents for staff. While this is very generous we feel that this year due to the current restrictions, we must ask that you don't send gifts into school. If you still would like to do something for staff, you could send a donation for school fund. You can do this by letting the office know by email how much you would like to donate and we will set the payment up on school money. Please do not feel obliged or pressured to send anything as we are very aware of the financial pressures that families are facing at the moment.

We will be preparing the **Christmas performances** from each class soon and they will be shared with parents before we break up. If you would rather your child was not seen on the video you will need to let the office know this week and we will give your child an off screen speaking part instead. If we don't hear from you we will assume that you have given your consent.

A reminder of PE Sessions this half term

Monday—Class 1 and 2

Tuesday—Class 2 and 3

Wednesday—Class 3 and 4

Thursday—Class 4 and Class 1

A reminder of Christmas activity dates

Friday 4th December— Wear what makes you happy day

Wednesday 9th December—Festive fun run—Festive Fun Run is taking place for all classes with the School Sports Partnership to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society and St Cuthbert's Hospice. If you would like to donate, please send money into school with your child. Children to wear PE kits and trainers and bring a spare pair of shoes to change in to as we will be using the field. They can also wear a festive accessory e.g. elf hat/Santa hat etc to make it festive! All children will be entered in to a raffle with the chance of winning an elf.

Also Christmas Lunch day

Friday 11th December—Advent Journey

Monday 14th December - Class 4 Christmas party

Tuesday 15th December—Class 2 Christmas party

Wednesday 16th December—Class 3 Christmas party

Thursday 17th December—Class 1 Christmas party

Friday 18th December—Christmas Mass and break up for holidays - School resumes 4th January

Stars of the week

Evei B, Jenny S, Amber , Zac M, Evie P, Jack H, Marcus

Maths Award

Darcie, Florence, Zac J, Finley

Writing Award

Lola T, Daisy C, Freddie F, Oliver

Gospel Values

Charlie S, Freya B, Lola D, Thomas M

Reading Award

Joel, Kieran, Abbi, Daniel H

Head Teacher Award

Lydia

Special Reading Awards

Abbi, Henry S, Summer, Evie P, Andrew and Florence (certificates will follow)

Remote Learning

If your child needs to self isolate, please be aware that their class teacher will provide work on Seesaw each day, that they are required to complete. The teacher will then provide feedback for all of the work completed. If your child does not access this you will receive a reminder text. Thank you for supporting home learning. If you have any trouble getting onto Seesaw, please let us know.