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Upcoming Events

December 5

Year 6 trip to Eden Camp

December 5

Early Years' Trip to 'Down at the Farm' (am)

December 6

Whole School Advent Mass, 9.15am

December 7

Jesse Tree Service, 2pm (Reception to Year 2) at St Joseph's Church

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Choir singing at Ushaw College for the Choir Competition

December 8

Year 4 Worship, 9.15am

December 11

Key Stage 1 (Years 1/2) Christmas Play 'The Bossy King' 2pm and 6pm

December 12

Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Play 'Five Gold Rings' 2pm and 6pm

December 12

Year 4/Year 6 Christmas Boomwhacker/African Drums Christmas Performance (Straight after 2pm play performance)

December 13

Early Years (Nursery/Reception) Christmas Play 'A Miracle in Town' 10am and 2pm

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Children,

It certainly is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Our Christmas Tree arrived in school on Wednesday, thanks to Father Duffy. Look out for the children's advent promises which shall be hung on the Christmas tree next week! The snow then came yesterday and then this afternoon we have our visit to the annual pantomime trip at The Theatre Royal.

On Sunday we shall celebrate the first Sunday of Advent and Year 5 delivered a beautiful worship this morning centred around this wonderful time of preparation. During the first week of Advent, we reflect on the tension of the already-but-not-yet; of being sure of the hope that we have and a small taste of that which has been promised. Advent Week 1 is about Hope. If you have any spare time this Sunday, please pop along to Mass at St Joseph's to see the first candle lit on the Advent wreath. I wonder if your child can tell you what colour candle will be lit this Sunday?



Thank you to those parents/carers who sent cards and well wishes to Rob, our lollipop man. He received them this week along with a beautiful, handmade card from our children. During this special time, may we continue to pray for the people that we know and other people in our community who are battling with an illness or other personal circumstances at this time.

Best Wishes,

Catherine Harper
Head teacher

Jesse Tree Service

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be joining our parish schools at St Joseph's Church on **Thursday 7th December** for the **Jesse Tree service at 2pm**. Please come along and join us!



Statements to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is...

'I can work, play, rest and pray.'



Share this prayer together: Christ Jesus, help us to follow your example. Help us to remember to love one another through our work, play, rest and prayer. Remind us to think of others with kindness, so that we may show patience and compassion to all.
Amen.

Appointments with Teachers

There will be times when there are messages that you would like your child's class teacher to know. Speaking to a class teacher on the yard when the bell goes at 8:55am at length, does interrupt with registration time as well as morning prayers/worship. If you do have a message for a class teacher, please can you ensure that you call the school after 8:15am to leave a message with the school office who will pass it on to the class teacher. If there is something more specific or detailed that you feel you need to speak to your class teacher about, please can you call the school to make an appointment. Thank You.



Foodbank Donations

Gateshead Foodbank would like to say a really big thank you to all of you for the extremely kind donations which you gave to this appeal. The foodbank received 146kg which will help to feed and support families in crisis this Christmas time. A really big thank you to Joe and Daniel Hogarth for arranging and collecting your kind donations.

Reminder- Parking on Zig Zag Lines

The Police did park outside school on Tuesday afternoon to observe the parking situation after complaints from local residents. Please remember that this area is not permitted.

Gold Book Winners

Miss Harper – **Nathan Seddon**
Miss Caulfield – **Finlay Hunter**
Mrs Bissell – **Elli Johnson**
Miss O'Sullivan – **Anna Attack**
Mrs McNally – **Tayla Markley**
Mrs Tallentire – **Cecelia Nichol**
Mrs Malpass – **Aaron Poole**
Mrs Lauder – **Lois Husband**
Mrs Hanley – **Zara Blondrage**
Mr Kent – **Ava Wears**
Mrs Finley – **Maria Garrity**

Mrs O'Neill- **Conrad Bellerby**
Mr Rooney – **George Stewart**
Miss Williamson – **Olivia Kind**
Mrs Calvert- **Grace Wall**
Mrs Rowley – **Max Thompson**
Mrs Donaghy – **Leo Connolly**
Mr McQueen- **Jack Revell**
Mrs Wealleans – **Joseph Pennock**
Mrs Brown – **Abby Elliot**
Mrs Readman – **Mya Milewski**

