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Upcoming Events

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Children,

I am sure that you will all agree with me that the children's Christmas plays this year were absolutely fantastic! A Miracle in Town was happening in the Early Years, we had The Bossy King in Years 1/2 and then there was the mystery of Five Gold Rings happening in the Juniors. Well done to all of our children for their enthusiasm, effort, smiles and laughter during the performances. A really big thank you to everyone who came along to support us and finally, thanks to the staff for their effort and support in ensuring yet again, such wonderful productions!



Christmas Parties Next Week (Tuesday- Thursday)

The children's Christmas parties shall be happening next week (please see right for the correct times and days). **This year, please can all children come to school with one snack and one drink that they can eat and drink at the party. They must bring their party clothes with them to change into at school.** The children will also receive a gift from Santa as our special visitor pops into St Benet's to wish the children a Merry Christmas!

Prayer Stations on Monday

On Monday we shall be travelling to Bethlehem as we journey to the stable during our prayer stations (please see right for the times for each house). If any parents and carers would like to join us for the prayer stations and use this holy time to reflect on their own journey to Bethlehem, please join your child and their house.

Carol Service on Friday

Before we celebrate the end of this calendar year and leave for the festivities, we shall be having our annual carol service in the school hall at 1pm on Friday 22nd December. After the service, children can leave with their parents/carers.

Best wishes,

Catherine Harper (Head teacher)

December 18

Prayer Stations in school all day
celebrated in houses

St Aidan- 9.15am

St Bede- 10.45am

St Cuthbert- 1:30pm

St Hilda- 3.00pm

December 19

Infants (Reception, Years 1/2)
Christmas party- afternoon in school

December 20

Whole School Christmas Mass, 9.15am

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Nursery Christmas parties-
afternoon/morning in school
(depending on child's session in
school)

December 20

Christmas Lunch

December 21

Juniors (Years 3/4/5/6) Christmas
party- afternoon in school

December 22

Carol Service, 1pm – children can go
home with parents/carers after the
service

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Break up for the Christmas Holidays,
return to school on **Monday 8th January
2018**

Statements to Live By

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

'I know we are happiest when we are united'

What a wonderful time of the year to do things together as a family- play a board game, watch a Christmas movie together and talk to your child about the importance of being together, being in unity!



Rainbows Bereavement Sessions

A letter was sent out to all parents a few weeks ago to inform you that the Rainbows bereavement and counselling sessions will be starting again sometime after Christmas. We have had some response, but if you would still like to sign your child up for these sessions, please contact the school. Alternatively, if you would like some additional information, please contact Miss Harper.

Reminder: Admission Policy 2019-2020 Just a gentle reminder that we are consulting on our Admission policy for the years 2019-2020. It is that time again when we are consulting on our school admission policy for the years 2019-2020. This policy is available on our school website under 'School Admissions.' If any parent wishes to participate in the consultation, a consultation response form is available by request from the school. The governing body will consider all comments received before they determine the arrangements for 2019-20. Thank you.

Thank You for your support

As always, your generosity to fundraising events that we have in school does not go unnoticed. This term particularly, families have been extremely generous with their kind donations to Cafod, The People's Kitchen, Operation Christmas Child, The Gateshead Foodbank, Children in Need and today, Save the Children.

The kind donations and Christmas raffle held at the Christmas plays raised an enormous **£463.00** and a **chocolate coin!!** ☺ Donations this year shall support the school's own fund. Thank you for your support!

Gold Book Winners

Miss Harper – **Chloe Pennick**

Miss Caulfield – **William Reed**

Mrs Stone – **Leah Hill**

Miss O'Sullivan – **Elizabeth Oliver**

Mrs Tallentire – **Mackenzie Prested**

Mrs Malpass – **Thomas McMurray**

Mrs Lauder – **Laura Ridley**

Mrs Hanley – **Olivia Kind**

Mr Kent – **Katie Foster**

Mrs Finley – **Leah Burrell**

Mrs Bissell – **Liam Anderson**

Mrs O'Neill – **Ethan Wray**

Mr Rooney – **Charlotte Kettle**

Mrs McNally – **Ava Cottle**

Mrs Calvert – **Finley Pritchard**

Mrs Donaghy – **Kai Cutmore**

Mr McQueen – **James Wilkie**

Mrs Wealleans – **Thomas Barker**

Mrs Brown – **Zack Blondrage**

Mrs Readman – **Olivia Lavick**

Miss Loughlin – **George Smith**



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