

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021



This year, as we are unable to have the travelling crib, each week we will send part of the story of *A Christmas Donkey's Diary* out with the newsletter – Part 1 is attached. This is a new and interactive way to tell the Christmas story written by Tony Bower, York Schools and Youth Trust. Travel with our donkey detective from Nazareth to Bethlehem as he seeks to unravel the Christmas story. Pick up clues along the way and store them on his saddle. The following script is in three parts, each taking 12 minutes. Children should first assemble their very own 3D donkey and cut out the 6 clues ready to be glued onto his saddle bags.

## Upcoming Events...

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 9am – 12:30am)	Y5/6 CrossFit Festival
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	No Uniform Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December (1:30pm)	Nativity Performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (6pm)	Nativity Performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December r (8:50am)	Y5/6 Class Liturgy
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (9am)	Christmas Fair in the School Hall
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Party/Dinner/Jumper Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Sparky Marky Christmas Show
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December (1:15pm)	Blessing of the Crib
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December (1:30pm)	School Closes for the Christmas holiday

**Proud to be Me:** *'Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. The birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely by God.'* Pope Francis. *Advent is an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and helps us get ready for Christmas. Choose something to do, individually or as a family, to stay spiritually 'awake' and make this Advent prayerful and special.*

Reception	Darla	For always being ready to participate in our nativity practise.
Year 1	Ashley	For being attentive and focussed when listening to the Christmas story.
Year 2	Myah	For her thoughtful contribution during our Jesse Tree stories.
Year 3	Joshua C	For reading so beautifully in the class liturgy on Wednesday.
Year 4	James	For working so hard in his reading this week and contributing to lessons.
Year 5	Jude W-S	For showing great enthusiasm and resilience this week in every lesson - in particular with making his Advent prayer angel.
Year 6	Jake	For his lovely Advent prayer.

**Spanish:** **Ashley** for trying super hard in Spanish this week. **Esme H** for a lovely Spanish lesson with great listening. **Joshua C** for trying really hard to write the Spanish months. **Jude L** for superb rainbow sentences in Spanish.

**P.E:** **Jessica** for her kind, helpful and positive attitude. Whether winning or losing, Jessica shows a calm disposition.

**Gerard** demonstrated really good technical ability with his underarm throwing and chest passes. **Esme H** for fantastic team work. You did amazing listening and were supportive to others. **Edith** for excellent balancing skills and being the first person to make it to the end of the beam obstacle course! **Marshall** demonstrated a really nice act of kindness during the lesson. He realised someone was struggling with the ladders and immediately ran to help! **Abigail** for remembering what coordination meant from previous lessons and applying it on the climbing frame in PE! **Christopher** for really persevering on the rings on the climbing frame, showing excellent determination when at first he didn't succeed.

**Music:** **Thea** for improving on her performance skills from last week. **Seb J** for his focussed performance in our Nativity practise. **Sofi** for her enthusiasm and showing excellent listening skills. **Ellie** for her excellent timing, pitch and clear diction when singing.

**House of the Week:** St Benedict's

**Best Attendance:** Year 2 with 100%

**Happy Birthday** Laylah and Nancy

## Plugs for Parents...

**Y5/6 CrossFit Festival 09.12.21:** Twelve children from Y5/6 have been selected by our PE coach, Miss Smith, to participating in a CrossFit festival at Graves Tennis and Leisure Centre. Please can those children come to school in their PE kit and bring a water bottle on the day, thank you.

## Plugs for Parents Continued...

**No Uniform Day 10.12.21:** As a forfeit for wearing no uniform, children are asked to bring in items for the Christmas Fair. Any of these items can be donated by anyone, but we suggest the following: **Reception/Y1 and Year 3/4** bring brand new gift sets (toiletry sets, candle sets, jewellery sets... anything that would make a good gift); **Year 5/6 and Year 2** bring a bottle of something grown-up! (wine, gin, whiskey, port, a couple of bottles of beer etc). Also, we are asking for good quality second hand toys, games or books too for the stalls. Please bring all donations/forfeits into school on no uniform day.

**Nativity Performances 14 & 15.12.21:** Just a quick reminder, please pop into the school office to pay for any reserved 'tickets' - £1 per person. We are asking all attendees to the Nativity to wear a mask and take an LFD test before they arrive, thank you.

**Nativity DVD:** This year we're having our Nativity professionally recorded! We have a video production company capturing the play live and turning them into DVDs. A fantastic gift for friends and family to open on Christmas day! If you'd like to order a DVD please go to <https://www.openhousepictures.co.uk/st-anns-dvd> where you can choose from either a standard for £9.99 or custom DVD for £12.99, perfect for all the whole family! Make sure you place your orders by the latest 20th of December to get them in time for Christmas!

**Y5/6 Class Liturgy 15.12.21:** Everyone is welcome to join us in the School Hall for this class Liturgy at 8:50am

**Christmas Fair 17.12.21:** Please see the email that has been sent out today with full information of changes to this event. Please note change of date and time. Please see the [Christmas Fair Helpers](#) form for ways in which you can help and to pop your name down to volunteer.

**Christmas Party/Dinner/Jumper Day 21.12.21:** Miss Eady would like to encourage all children to order a Christmas dinner on this day, as our school family join together for a special lunch to celebrate Christmas. School meals are free for all KS1 children. This always proves to be a great day, as each class enjoy a Christmas party with lots of games, and everyone can wear their Christmas jumpers or t-shirts.

**Sparky Marky Christmas Show 22.12.21:** All the children will be treated to a live show in school, as Sparky Marky entertains us with his funny magic show!

**Blessing of the Crib 22.12.21:** Friends and Family are welcome to join us for this special event in the school Hall at 1:15pm

**School Closes for the Christmas Holiday 22.12.21:** School will close at 1:30pm after the blessing of the crib liturgy. Please can all children be picked up from their usual place at 1:30pm. School will re-open after the holidays on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Christmas Raffle:** Tickets have been sent home this week (1 book per family) if you would like more tickets to pass on to family and friends, please pop into the school office to collect. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at the 6pm Nativity performance.

**National Online Safety:** "Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various way – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content. In the attached guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as social media, gaming and adverts.

**Wednesday Word:** Please follow this link for this week's [Wednesday Word](#)

**Christmas Jumper Donations:** SAFFA would like to have a pre-loved Christmas jumper stall at the Christmas fair on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Our Christmas party/jumper day is the week after, so the fair might be a good place for parents to pick up a Christmas jumper! If anyone has a Christmas jumper (or two) that no longer fits their child, please bring it to the school office, thank you.

## **News...**

**Poppy Appeal:** Well done St Ann's! Collectively we have managed to raise £108 for the poppy appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated.

## **Attached with this Newsletter...**

- National Online Safety Parents' Guide – Age Inappropriate Content
- Part 1 – A Christmas Donkey's Diary
- St Ann's Church and St Mary's Church Bulletin – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Picture News at Home – Do we need to create a virtual universe?
- Sheffield Passport Activity Newsletter
- Sheffield Covid-19 Financial Help Guide
- Sheffield Parenting Hub – What's On?
- Dolce Christmas Meal Menu