



THE ADVENT SEASON

This Sunday sees the beginning of the Advent Season during which we prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at Christmas.



The eldest child in each family will be bringing home a leaflet next week outlining the significance of Advent, suggesting some family prayers and simple activities, and summarising services and events which will be taking place at school and in the parish. On Monday, we will also be launching our annual Advent Appeal for Mission Together. The motto of the charity is "Children helping children". This year, the focus is on Sri Lanka and the money raised will go towards funding nutrition packs and medical care for children from impoverished families living on remote tea estates. Your child should come home with a money box and a magazine which explains about the work of "Mission Together". Please encourage them to collect their coins during Advent and return the box to school the week before Christmas.

THE TRAVELLING CRIB

From next week, children in Year R will be given the opportunity to take home our travelling nativity crib set for an evening. This provides the opportunity for children to reflect on the Christmas story at home with their families.



Maths

Thank you to all parents who came along to Mrs Taylor's session about our approach to teaching times tables and how you can support your child at home. We received lots of positive feedback and notes from the session have been sent out to all those who attended. Many thanks to Mrs Taylor for preparing the presentation.



"MATHLETICS"

Congratulations to our Mathletes of the Week.

Jakub Kwiecinski and **Szymon Swiatek**

INFANT NATIVITY PLAY



All nativity tickets ordered for the parent performances have been distributed via book bags, so please keep them in a safe place! There are still a few spare tickets available on a first-come-first-served basis if you require any more. There are also a few places left for the grandparents' performance of the nativity on Thursday 21st December at 9.30am, please contact Mrs Cook.



Any donations of boxes of tissues for classroom use would be gratefully received!

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who has donated filled jars for our stall at the Parish Fair and for the lovely flags for the bunting to decorate the hall.



Please drop in and support our Parish Fayre
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE
SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER 11am—3pm
CHURCH HALL, FALKLAND GROVE DORKING
Raffle; Bottle Tombola; Toys and Games; Cake Stall; and lots more!

If anyone is able to donate any freshly made cakes, these should be dropped off at the hall up to 8.00pm this evening or from 8.30 am on Saturday.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year, our school Christmas lunch will be on **Friday 22nd December 2017**. Children who normally have packed lunches may opt to have school dinner on this day at a cost of £2.25. If your child has packed lunch and you would like him/her to have school dinner on this occasion, please complete and return the order slip on the letter which was sent out earlier this week. All replies and payment must be received **by Friday 8th December 2017**.

Order now to avoid disappointment!

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOUR CHILD NORMALLY HAS A SCHOOL DINNER, THEY ARE AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLED TO A SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THE ORDER FORM OR SEND PAYMENT.

LITTLE STARS PLAYGROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 10-11.30am in St. Joseph's Church Hall

Join us for Christmas crafts, festive food, mulled wine, carol singing and a visit from Santa.

*Looking forward to the Parish Fayre this weekend; hope you can come along to support it.
With all best wishes for the weekend,
Carolyn Scrutton [Headteacher]*

***** DATES AND EVENTS THIS TERM *****

Wednesday 6th December	KS2 Reconciliation Service
Thursday 14th December	Carols Round the Tree for invited parishioners
Friday 15th December	Children's Christmas Shopping Morning
Saturday 16th December	Choir singing at Dorking Choral Society Concert
Tues 19th & Weds 20th December	Infant Nativity Play, 2.30pm
Thursday 21st December	Nativity performance for Grandparents, 9.30am
Thursday 21st December	KS2 Advent Service at St. Joseph's Church, 4.00pm
Friday 22nd December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas Holiday, 1.15pm

Compliments, Comments, Concerns, Queries, Reply Slip

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