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Newsletter no. 6

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Upcoming events

Monday 28th November

Mindful/Art Club Y5/Y6 lunch
Year 5 Swimming pm
Football training

Tuesday 29th November

Red and White Day

Digital maths/homework club
lunch

Wednesday 30th November

Advent Mass in Church
9.15am

Guitar club lunch

Year 3 Deaf Awareness

Session in school 2.00pm

Digital leaders club

3.15-4.15pm

First Holy Communion Session

in Church 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 1st December

Year 5 visit to Newcastle

Christmas Markets

8.45am-12.15pm

Choir lunch

School Council lunch

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Gift Swap

Girls football training 3.15pm

(last session this year)

Monday 5th December

Mindful/Art Club Y5/Y6 lunch

Year 5 Swimming pm

Football training 3.15pm

Spare KS1 Nativity tickets
available

Tuesday 6th December

Reception Co-ordination

Challenge am only

Digital maths/homework club
lunch

Wednesday 7th December

Year 5 visit to Openzone all
day

Guitar club lunch

Digital leaders club

3.15-4.15pm

Choir at the Big Sing

4.00-7.00pm

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well. These last few weeks have flown by and I can't believe we are starting to plan for the busy time of Christmas. There are plenty of opportunities to involve yourself in our 'Christmas fun'. All the details are in the dates below.

Family Learning

You will have received an email earlier in the week asking you which family learning sessions you would be interested in. This survey finishes on Friday 2nd December, and we will base our offer on these results. You can access the survey at this [link](#)

Red and White Day

We will be holding a special Red and White Day in school this Tuesday, in support of England or Wales who play later in the day. Children can also wear a different colour England or Wales top if they have one. There is no charge for this. Children may also paint their face with a small England or Wales flag if they want to.

Christmas Gift Swap

Our school Council is hosting a Christmas Gift Swap this Friday ('Santa's Swap Shop'). We are asking pupils to bring in one (or more) toys or gifts that they no longer use, but are still in a good condition. All children will then have the possibility to take a gift home from the swap shop. Please see the letter from the School Council below.

St Joseph's Church 50th Birthday Mass

We hope that those who attended the 50th birthday Mass and celebrations enjoyed it. The positive feedback that our choir has received has been overwhelming. They were brilliant and (in my biased view) the best singers in church!

Socks for a Stranger

Our 'Socks for a Stranger' initiative is coming to an end on Wednesday 30th, when volunteers from Hebburn Helps will be collecting the amazing amount of socks that have been donated. Thank you all so much! Also, thank you to the Freeman family who donated 49 emergency packs, including a blanket, soap, toothbrush and so on! Which leads us onto...

Sweets 'n' Treats

Our School Council would now like to collect 'sweets 'n' treats' (their choice of title!) for our community. If you can, please send any sweets, treats, chocolates etc into school with your child, and we will collect them at the front of the school, as we did with our socks. Details are below.

Advent Mass

Our Advent Mass will take place this Wednesday at 9.15am in Church. All are welcome.

Uniform

We still have lots of donated uniforms ready for use. If you would like a 'pre-packed' bag full of age appropriate uniform, please complete the link and we will let you know when you can collect it. Alternatively, just pop into the office and speak to Mrs Lloyd or Mrs King [School Uniform Order Form](#)

Cold Weather



Thursday 8th December

Choir lunch

School Council lunch

Reception Stay and Play

2.15-3.15pm

Friday 9th December

Year 6 visit to OpenZone all
day

Girls football training

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Christmas Movie Night

3.15-5.30pm

We are asking for donations of hats, scarves, gloves etc that you no longer need for your child so that any child that may forget theirs can use spares at playtimes.

Vaping

Please remember that smoking and vaping are not allowed anywhere on the school premises.

Dates for the Half term

Dates for the rest of the Autumn term are below. These can change due to various circumstances, and we will inform you in plenty of time of any amendments.

Take care,
Mr P Craig
Headteacher



Dear Parents

On the 2nd of December the council is making a mini shop. It will be called the Santa's Swap Shop. It would be good if your children would bring in old toys that they don't use anymore, but would be good enough for a present. They would get another toy in exchange. If you decide to bring in more than one toy, this means that some children who can't afford to bring one in will still receive a present. Any toys that are left over will go to Hebburn Helps for other children.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Barclay, Arthur Craggs, Poppy King,
Jude Charlton, Lily Armstrong, Jacob Butler,
Joseph Ward and Izzy Eldred



November	Tuesday 29th November	Friends Red & White Day
	Wednesday 30th November	Deadline for 'Socks for a Stranger'
		Advent Mass in Church 9.15am
		First Holy Communion Session 2
December	Thursday 1st December	Deadline to deliver shoeboxes for Age Concern Y5 Newcastle Christmas markets visit AM (children will need to arrive in school by 8.40am at the latest)
	Friday 2nd December	Christmas Gift Swap
	Tuesday 6th December	Reception Co-ordination Challenge at The Urban Factory 10am - 12pm
	Wednesday 7th December	Y5 Openzone visit 9.00am-3.00pm
		The Big Sing (Choir only) 4.00 - 7.00pm (singing from 6.00pm)
	Thursday 8th December	Reception Stay and Play session 2.15-3.15pm
	Friday 9th December	Y6 Openzone visit 9.00am-3.00pm
		Christmas Movie Night 3.15-5.30pm
	Tuesday 13th December	KS1 Nativity 9.15am and 5.30pm
	Wednesday 14th December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas party
	Thursday 15th December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas party
		Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Bede's Church 6.00pm
	Friday 16th December	Nursery Nativity 10.30am
		Y5 & Y6 Christmas party
	Monday 19th December	Nursery Christmas party
		No lunchtime or after school clubs this week.
	Tuesday 20th December	Reception Singalong 2.15pm
	Wednesday 21st December	Reception Christmas party
		Carols by Candlelight 5.00pm
Thursday 22nd December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch	
	Choir singing at Viking Centre 10.30am	
Friday 23rd December	KS2 Gold Book Assembly 9.15am	
	Christmas Stories with Mr Craig pm only	
	End of term	
Pupils back to school on Tuesday 10th January		