

### Note from the Head

We are getting busier and busier in school as we prepare for the Advent season. KS1 have started their Christmas Nativity rehearsals and KS2 are due to begin rehearsals for their Advent service. The atmosphere is busy and productive and it is a great time to working amongst children!

We are holding many fundraising activities in school over the coming weeks and I am aware that this time of year is very expensive for families - these events are optional, please do not feel obliged to participate.

### Advent Service

Next Thursday I am looking forward to taking the Year 5 and 6 children to the annual Advent Service at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. We will be joining many school across the arch-diocese and I'm sure this event will be a memorable experience.

If you have any new or unused gifts that you do not need, could you consider donating them for the less fortunate of our Archdiocese. The charity being supported is Nugent and they have suggested that the most welcome gifts which they can distribute this year are NEW TOYS and GAMES.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 4th December Children may come to school wearing festive clothing for a £1 Donation to World Gifts

### Christmas Movie night

This event will take place after school on Wednesday and will finish at 5pm. KS1 children will be dismissed through the Infant door and KS2 children through the junior door.

### Posada

Posada is a Mexican festive tradition that we are repeating this year. Posada is a Spanish word that means Inn and we welcome you to host Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus for one night to help us remember the true meaning of Christmas. We have prepared travelling Nativity packs for you and your children to use. The packs contain prayer cards, The Christmas story according to Luke's Gospel, candles, a prayer mat, model figures and a booklet to record your experience.

To enable all families to participate in this experience we ask that you keep the Nativity for one night only and return to school the next day for it to continue its journey. Thank you for your participation!

**Friday 29th November**



### Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am      Mon - Fri 09.00 am  
Saturday 06.30 pm

**01/12/24 Solemnity of Christ the King**

***Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36***

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year C begins a season of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at the end of time. The themes focus on hope in God's promise, faithful waiting, and growing in love. We are reminded to live in holiness and be watchful for signs of Jesus' return. Through prayer and strength, we stay faithful as we prepare for His coming. This time helps us get our hearts ready for Jesus by trusting in God, living with love, and staying alert to His presence.

### Approaching the Gospel with children

In assembly we will talk about, even though we do not know the exact time when Jesus will come again, he says that we need to be ready. We have to wait and watch for him. We do not know when Jesus will come again, but in today's gospel Jesus tells us to pray and to watch how we behave while we are waiting, so that we will be ready when he comes. Jesus asks us to love one another and to treat other people as we want to be treated. Whether they're in our own family or on the other side of the world.

Key questions for the children to consider:

How do you think Jesus wants us to behave?  
How do you think he would like us to treat other people both here and around the world?

What will you do this week, so that you can try to be ready when Jesus comes again?

### After School Club

Just a reminder that After School Club is closed next Friday

### Christmas Gift Stall

This event closes on Monday at 9am. If you would like your child to purchase a gift please book on the App.

### Advent Wreath

This session will take place on Wednesday 4th December in the woodland area at the read of the school. All materials will be provide for those who have booked online.

Warm clothing will be needed for all as this is an outdoors session. Children may wear their own clothes. As this take place in the forest, there is no 'seating' as such. Should you wish to bring over a camping chair or deckchair then please feel free to do so. If you have your own set of secateurs then please bring them over as may not have enough supplies to go around.

The session will take place whatever the weather so please wrap up warmly in waterproof clothing, however, if it should be very heavy rain or extreme winds then we may have to cancel the session rear-range for a later date in the week.

### Reverse Advent Calendar

During the season of Advent we shall direct our thoughts in school to those less fortunate than us. We would like to run a 'Reverse' Advent Calendar appeal for families in need. Each week in December we will have a focus for donations:

The focus for next week is TINS

If you are able to, could you please send a tinned food item into school with your child by Friday. Thank you.

If you are in need, or if you know of a local family in need then please get in touch – in confidence – to Mrs Harrison-Scott in the office.

### Dates for your Diary

Wed 4th December - Christmas wreath making

Wed 4th December - Christmas Jumper day

Wed 4th December - Christmas Movie Night

Thurs 5th December - Class 3 at Mass

Fri 6th December - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Wed 11th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm

Thurs 12th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm

Thurs 12th December - Class 2 at Mass

Fri 13th December - Christmas gift stall

Fri 13th December - Christmas carol singing at Tesco

Tues 17th December - KS2 Advent service 2pm

Wed 18th December—Breakfast with Santa

Thurs 19th December - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Fri 20th December - School closes at 13:15

**The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing Love to others this week. Well Done!!**

**EYFS:** Maddison

**Class 2:** Harvey and Jacob

**Class 3:** Luke and Elliott

**Class 4:** Harvey and Alfie



**The following children have been chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors for their wonderful behaviour!**

**Class 1:** Edwin **Class 2:** Quinn

**Class 3:** Lily **Class 4:** Penny