



# Newsletter

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## ADVENT WEEK 1

This week in Collective Worship we thought about the meaning of Advent as a time of preparation and waiting. Mrs Lewis has made us the most beautiful Advent Wreath and we lit the first purple candle, representing **HOPE**.

## Class One Nativity

### IMPORTANT: PHOTOS

The children in Class One are busy preparing for their performance of 'The Bossy King' and it is sounding fantastic! Class One Parents and relatives are warmly invited to come and watch: Thursday 8th December at 2pm.

**In line with our safe use of images policy, for Child Protection and safeguarding reasons, please could all parents note that photographs and video cannot be taken throughout the performance.** There is an opportunity to photograph *your own child only* at the end when the children do an encore, but these are for private and family use only and must NOT be put on Facebook, Twitter or other social networking/online media. It is critical that all parents abide by this request, otherwise we would end up not being able to allow photos at all and this is something we really don't want to do - the children's nativity is such a precious memory for you all. **Thank you so much for your much needed cooperation on this important matter.**



## CHRISTMAS POST BOX

From **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** until the end of term we will be operating our annual Christmas Card Post Box. Cards can be posted in the morning and are then sorted and delivered around the school later that day. Please help us by ensuring that the envelopes are clearly written with the name, surname and class of the recipients.

## School Carol Service

### in St Ippolyts Church

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 2.15pm**

Parents and families are warmly invited to join us for this very special annual event. The church is always extremely full and seating is limited, so please be prepared to move seats if we cannot fit all the children in. Please note that as with all our services we cannot accommodate siblings and babies under 3 years old at this service. Parents with pre-school age children aged 3 and over are requested to sit in a place where you can leave your seat easily to remove them if they make a noise. A reminder also that our Carol Service is an act of worship, not a 'show', therefore **photographs and video cannot be taken**. We do hope you understand the reason for these requests and are able to comply with them. The PTA are kindly serving refreshments in the school hall after the service, to which you are all very welcome.



## Winter footwear

A reminder that our school uniform consists of **shoes not boots** for both boys and girls. Children are most welcome to wear boots to travel to and from school but they need to have their usual school shoes to change into at school. Please make sure footwear is named and also it is really useful to provide your child with a peg to clip their boots together in the cloakroom.

## Fantastic new books!

An **ENORMOUS** thank you to everyone who came along and purchased books at the recent Book Fair. As a result of sales, we now have over £600 worth of wonderful new books for the classrooms and library!

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

As usual we are holding a Christmas lunch for staff, governors and children. This is to replace the usual 'Friday Fun Lunch'. As is tradition at St Ippolyts we are asking the Class 5 children to design a table centrepiece to decorate the hall with for Christmas Dinner. These should be brought into school on the Friday morning. **If your child usually has a packed lunch on a Friday but they would like a Christmas Dinner as a 'one off', please get in touch with Mrs Rule or Miss Webb by next Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

## CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm**

Class parties take place in the afternoon but children may wear their non-uniform "party outfit" to school that day **as long as it is suitable for normal school activities in the morning**. Please also ensure your child has appropriate footwear and a warm coat to wear for the day as they will still be playing outside as normal. Party food and drink contributions (nut free) should be brought in on the Tuesday morning and class teachers will organise this with the children next week and let you know.



## FINAL CALL FOR baubles!

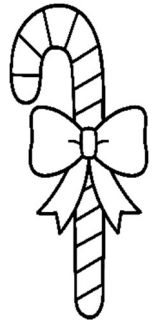
All bauble orders need to be placed as the tree is shortly going up in the hall (and the baubles are running out!)

## After school clubs

A reminder that this week is the **last week of after school clubs** until the new year, apart from Choir which will continue until the end of term.

R. Reddie  
Headteacher

# CHRISTMAS FAIR



# TOMORROW!

Please join us as school is turned into a wonderland of festive fun. The fair will be opened by the choir singing Christmas carols. We'll have lots of fun stalls, face painting, Santa's Grotto, Christmas crafts, refreshments and more!  
We look forward to seeing you there.

It's not too late to bring in donations! Any last minute items from any classes, for the secrets room, raffle or tombolas can be brought into school tomorrow morning.

**Homemade Cake stall** – please remember to bring any donations into school on Friday morning. We would be grateful for anything from cakes and biscuits to jams, pickles and spicy snacks...or any other speciality! (Please remember the school's Nut Free policy)

To save you queuing we will be running a booking system for the following stalls - visiting **Father Christmas, face painting and the Christmas photo booth**. Pay a quick visit to these stalls when you arrive and book yourself a convenient time slot. Look forward to seeing you there!

## The BRILLIANT BOOK FAIR!

The PTA would like to thank Giselle Gimblett and Jessica Willcox for organising the recent book fair and to everyone who purchased a book. We raised a fantastic £617, which means that school now have the same amount to spend on new books for the library.

## Bags2School

Thanks to everyone who dropped off donations for Bags2School, to Martin Stevenson for co-ordinating the event and to Edward Stevenson for helping him on Thursday morning.

## CHRISTMAS MOVIE AND MUNCH

Please return your booking forms for 'Polar Express' by 7th December. Everyone is welcome to dress up in Christmas outfits, elves, Santas & reindeer most welcome!

## Christmas Wreaths



Just a reminder that the PTA has teamed up with a local garden centre to offer two beautiful Christmas wreaths at a competitive price. Please see the order form with last week's newsletter, to order your wreath. Forms need to be returned to the office by 9am on Monday 5th December and you will be able to collect your wreath after school on Friday 9th December.

## Easy fundraising...Have you bought any Christmas presents yet?

Easyfundraising is a great way to help raise funds for the PTA. Everytime you shop with one of the 2700 retailers, they give a donation to us! It's quick and easy to sign up for, you can even set a reminder everytime you shop online.

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<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raisemore/donation-reminder/>.

Thank you, we really appreciate your support!