

*St Anne's RC
Primary
and
Nursery School*



*Advent and
Christmas
2016*

Advent and Christmas Arrangements

Please be aware: we ask that children do not bring individual cards. We would like you to encourage your child to make a card for their class. All children who bring a card will be able to take another hand made card home with them before Christmas. In line with this policy we will also have a Christmas card collection during the first week after Christmas and ensure that they are recycled for charity.



Friday 25th November

You are most welcome to attend Friday morning assembly at **9:00am. Year 6** will lead us into the first week of Advent.

Sunday 27th November Children's Liturgy at Church 10:30am

Monday 2th November Year 3 will commence Unit 3 of the Sacramental Programme in school.

Tuesday 29th November – staff will decorate school for Christmas.

Wednesday 30th November Mrs Norton will be in school on this day to work with our Year 3 children. Parents are invited to join us in the hall at 1:30pm in preparation for their First Forgiveness. Year 3 children will make their First Forgiveness on this day. Children should be taken to church immediately after school to commence the very important Sacrament of First Forgiveness, commencing at 3:45pm. **All parents must attend with their child.**

We are expecting Years 4, 5 and 6 to support Year 3 by taking part in the choir on this evening.

Thursday 1st December Year 4 will continue the theme of Advent with the Second Advent Assembly at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to join us.

There will be no assembly on **Friday 2nd December** as School will be closed - INSET Day. Staff and Governors will attend INSET based on "Raising Standards through the very best Teaching".



Sunday 4th December Children's Liturgy at Church at 10:30am

Friday 9th December Year 5 will lead us in the Third Advent Assembly 9:00am. Please join us!

2:00pm The Key Stage 2 children will be holding a Christmas Market in the hall, starting at 9:15am, with stalls and carol singing. Please do try to support this event as it helps to raise money for school. Hot soup and a bread roll will be on sale to take away at the end of the day!

Further details to follow.

Our Foundation and Key Stage 1 children will celebrate the coming of Christmas with their celebrations as follows:

Tuesday 13th December

9:15am Percussion Concert Year 4 All parents are welcome to attend from 8:30am for breakfast.

Tuesday 13th December

Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal 2:00pm

We ask that parents with very young children try to attend this rather than the evening performance.

Wednesday 14th December 2:00pm

Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal Our neighbours and parish community are invited to attend.

We ask that parents with very young children try to attend this rather than the evening performance.

6:00pm Foundation Stage Nativity.

Further Details to follow.

Thursday 15th December

Year 5 Carol Singing at the Vicarage 1:45pm

We will return in time for the end of the school day.

Key Stage 1 Nativity 6:00pm

Further Details to follow.

Friday 16th December

Year 3 will lead us into the final week of Advent at 9:00am.

Children will be having a traditional Christmas Lunch on this day. **All orders must be received by Monday 28th November. No late orders will be accepted.**



We are having a Christmas jumper day on this day. We ask that children bring £1 to wear their Christmas top/jumper.

2:00pm Year 6 will be carol Singing for the parishioners in the Parish Centre

Sunday 18th December Children's Liturgy at Church at 10:30am

Tuesday 20th December

Year 6 Carol singing at Fairfield View 2:00pm

We will return in time for the end of the school day.



6:00pm Parish Carol Service. Children in Key Stage 2 are asked to attend as part of the choir and families with children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are asked to support this lovely event. More Details to follow.

Wednesday 21st December Children can wear their party clothes this day, Please ensure that your child wears suitable clothing on this day including footwear.

We are offering a **Christmas party lunch** (orders must also be received on Monday 28th November). This will be followed in the afternoon with a traditional party for Nursery and Reception children and a Pantomime for Years 1 to 6.

This year, in view of the current economic situation we are not requesting a donation. However, if you do feel able to make a small donation this will be gratefully received.

There will be mass **in school** to mark our final Advent preparations before Christmas on

Thursday 22nd December at 9:15am. Please do try to join us!

I ask that each child bring in a tin of soup, ham, sugar, coffee etc into school on this day to form part of our offertory. These will be sent to The Catholic Traveller Women's Group who help needy families in Manchester. We will remind children again before this date.



School will close at 1:30pm on Thursday **22nd December** and re-open at 8:50am on **Monday 9th January 2017.**

Please remember that Christmas is a time for giving. We will ask the children to give some time to God this Christmas time by going to mass and reflecting on the real meaning of Christmas.

Please note:

MASS TIMES AT ST ANNES

Christmas Eve

Carols 6:15pm

Mass 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass 10:30am

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese

