

St Anne's RC

2018

Primary and Nursery School



Advent and Christmas

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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.

Monday 26th November

Final Day to order Traditional Christmas lunch and Party Lunch

Thursday 29th November

You are most welcome to attend Friday morning assembly **at 9:00am**. Year 3 will lead us into the first week of Advent.

Friday 30th November

School closed for Staff and Governor INSET (GDPR focus this year)

Sunday 2nd December

Children's Liturgy at Church 10:30am

Monday 3rd December – staff will decorate school for Christmas.

Wednesday 5th December Year 3 children will make their First Forgiveness on this day. Y3 parents are welcome to join in the labyrinth reflection in school from 1pm. 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 the choir to support Year 3 by taking part in this very important event.

Friday 7th December at 9:00am Year 4 will continue the theme of Advent

The Key Stage 2 children will be holding a Christmas Market in the hall, starting at 2:00pm, with stalls and carol singing. 2:00pm – A fund-raising event. Please do try to support this event as it helps to raise money for school. Further details to follow.

Sunday 9th December Children's Liturgy at Church at 10:30am

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

Tuesday 11th December 1:45pm

Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal

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

Wednesday 12th 1:45pm

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.*

Wednesday 12th 6:00pm

Foundation Stage Nativity.
More details and tickets to follow.

Thursday 13th December 6:00pm

Key Stage 1 Nativity



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We ask that children who are School Councillors attend these 2 events to assist and

welcome parents and visitors.

Friday 14th December

Year 5 will lead the Third Advent Assembly at 9:00am. National Christmas Jumper Day - children may wear their Christmas Jumper and bring £1 for our charities.

Traditional Christmas Lunch will be served on this day. **All orders must be received and paid for via School Money by Monday 26th November. No late orders will be accepted.**

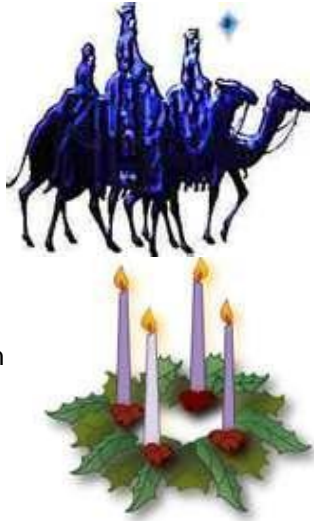
Sunday 16th December Children's Liturgy at Church at 10:30am

Carol singing dates:

Monday 17th December **Year 6** at Arden House 10.00am

Tuesday 18th December 10.00am **Year 5** at Fairfield View

Wednesday 19th 2.00pm **Year 4** at The Vicarage



Wednesday 19th December 6:00pm

Parish Carol Service. Children in Key Stage 2 are asked to attend as part of this event for readings, drama and choir. Families with children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are asked to support this lovely event. More Details to follow.

Thursday 20th Year 6 will lead the final Advent Assembly. 9:00am. Everyone welcome to join us.

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 26th November).

This will be followed in the afternoon with a **Pantomime** for all children. This year, in view of the current budget constraints, we are requesting a donation of £3 per child to assist with the cost of this experience. Payable via School Money.

Friday 21st December.

There will be mass **in school** to mark our final Advent preparations before Christmas. **Please do try to join us!**

We 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 Cornerstones who help homeless families in Manchester We will remind children again before this date.

School will close at 1:30pm on Friday **21st December** and re-open at 8:50am on **Monday 7th January 2019.**

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:

Sunday 23rd December - Children's Liturgy at Church at 10:30am

MASS TIMES AT ST ANNES

Christmas Eve

Carols 6:15pm

Mass 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass 10:30am

Shoe Boxes

Our Caritas Ambassadors have organised this event this year. Please remember shoe boxes this year are for the homeless of Manchester. If you feel able to donate a shoe box or any small items such as toiletries, socks, gloves, hats, scarves we can put them together and make up collective shoe boxes in school.

The children will deliver them with a staff member on the 14th December.

Shoe boxes can be for male, female, a child or a pet. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.