



St Chad's C of E Primary School

- Newsletter December 2017 -



Christmas begins with 'S'...

Shopping, stockings, satsumas, supermarkets, sprouts and, of course, Santa! Certainly, all of the above are aspects of Christmas, some more popular than others. However, it is not those aspects that link to the statement at the beginning. It is the aspect that is central to all that the season brings – a gift given; yes. In fact more than that - a gift given freely. Indeed, Christmas does begin with 'S' - however, not shopping, stockings or even sprouts but the gift of a Son and Saviour.



However you choose to celebrate, we hope you will enjoy this special season with all the 'S's that it brings, but most of all the celebration of our Saviour.

Nursery Nativity



'Shine Star, Shine'

Wednesday 13th December: 10:00am

'Shine Star, Shine' is a nativity play about a big star, who must show the way to the stable where a special baby has been born. The problem is, he just can't shine. How will the shepherds and kings find their way to see the new baby king? We hope you can join us on 13th December at 10am in the main school hall.

Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity: 'Magical Christmas Journey'

Tuesday 12th December: 10:00am and 4:00pm

The children are almost ready for Christmas when the magic begins to happen. They find they have a talking Christmas tree! No sooner do they mention the need for a star to go on top of this tree, than they are surrounded by stars - who also seem able to talk! As if that wasn't magical enough, one of these stars leads the children on an amazing journey, during which they find much more than the star to decorate their tree! They meet the three wise men and shepherds along the journey. They also celebrate the birth of the new born king! We look forward to sharing the Christmas story with you!

Festive Christmas Lunch Friday 15th December

We would like to offer all children in school who do not usually have a school meal the opportunity to join the other children for our Christmas Lunch on Friday 15th December. The cost of this meal will be £2.40. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 do not have to pay for their school meals. A letter has been sent – please complete the slip and return to school ASAP. If your child would prefer to bring their packed lunch perhaps you might like to send them with a 'Christmassy' packed lunch on this day!



Key Stage 2

**Thursday 7th December
2:00pm & 5:00pm**

The Nativity story is reported on local news – Bethlehem Tonight – on the City of David Television Network. Alongside the story are several well known Christmas Carols, sung beautifully by Key Stage 2, and musical performances by some of our talented pupils. We hope you can join us at one of the performances.

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER 2017

- Friday 1st: Non Uniform/Christmas Jumper Day £1 Donation
PTA Christmas Fair
- Thursday 7th: KS2 Concert 2:00pm + 5:00pm
- Tuesday 12th: KS1 Nativity 10am + 4:00pm
- Wednes. 13th: Praying Parents Meeting (Bungalow) 9am
Nursery Nativity 10:00am
- Thursday 14th: 2:00pm Christmas Service at St Chad's Church
- Friday 15th: Christmas Lunch + Class Parties
- School and Nursery Close for Christmas**

JANUARY 2018

- Tuesday 2nd: School and Nursery Re-Open**
- Monday 8th: Y6 SAT's parents session 3:15pm
- Tuesday 9th: PTA meeting 7:00pm
- Monday 15th: Y1/Y2 visit to Nell Bank
- Monday 22nd: Y3/Y4 visit to Murton Park



Adverse Weather Conditions

In the event that we do ever get any heavy snow, we will always try to remain open. The school will only close in extreme circumstances ie, if insufficient members of staff were able to get to work or the school grounds posed a serious health and safety concern. If the school has to close or has to alter its opening hours, a text will be sent out as soon as a decision is made, and the school website will contain a news flash reporting the closure. The information will also be sent to Radio Leeds for them to broadcast in the morning and will be displayed on the Leeds City Council Website. If a school day has already started and we have to close early, then parents will receive a text message to come and collect their child; this option would only be taken after thorough consideration of health and safety. Please be reassured that we will always endeavour to keep the school open whatever the weather.



The school website has recently been updated and includes a copy of all letters, the homework set for each class, a copy of all newsletters including key dates and a weekly bulletin of events. I hope you find this helpful.

On behalf of all the Staff here at St Chad's Church of England Primary School, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and all the very best for a happy and healthy New Year – Mrs Dunn

Fundraising Update

Year 4 Bun Sale: **£84.40**

Christmas Cards: **£481.40**

Curry & Quiz Night: **£711**

HUGE thanks from the PTA to everyone who supported this event

The Christmas Carol Service at St Chad's Church will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday 14th December – we do hope as many of you as possible can join us.

Christmas Parties: **Friday 15th December**

On Friday 15th December pupils in all classes can come to school in **non-uniform/party clothes**. Rather than asking you to send in food donations for the party (as the children will be having their Christmas Lunch on this day too), we would be grateful if you could **send £1 in to school**. We will use this as a contribution towards a Christmas bun, packet of crisps and a drink for each child. In the past we have found that when the children have already had lunch a lot of the food sent in is wasted. We feel this option will be a better way of sharing in some festive fun and ensuring we do not waste food unnecessarily.



New Parent Governor

The recent election of a Parent Governor was a very close contest. As a result of the secret ballot, we were delighted to announce that **Mr Mark Bellamy** was duly elected as a parent representative on the Local Governing Body.