



Dear Parent and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable and productive weekend as you prepare for Christmas.

In Collective Worship today, the children heard the message of Luke 3: 1-6. We learned that John the Baptist went to the people and told them to be prepared for the coming of Jesus. He offered to baptise them so that their sins would be forgiven. Advent is a time when we think about our actions and try to make sure that we are ready for the coming of Jesus. We think about what we could do better and try to make a change to our lives.

On Friday 3rd December, at 14:30, we held our 'Advent Liturgy' service. We are grateful to Fr Crawford for leading this beautiful liturgy and we know lots of you joined us via Facebook Live. Thank you for your continuing support and I'm sure you will agree this was a lovely service and a special way to start Advent.

Today, we were very lucky to get a sneaky peek of Reception/ Year 1 's 'Wriggly Nativity'. The children did so well performing in front of a live audience. We look forward to welcoming parents into the school, so they can watch this fabulous production too.

Wishing you a safe and happy week.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Ashworth (EHT), Mrs Gilhooly (AHT) and Mrs Rhodes (AHT).



Family prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

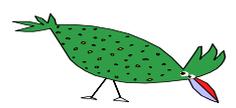
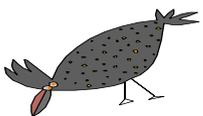
Merciful God,

You sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of your Son, Jesus. Help us to get ready as well. Lead us to make positive changes in our lives and the lives of others around the world. Amen

Mass

Please visit the websites of our parishes to access the bulletins.

www.sacredheartilkley.org.uk and www.ssfishermore.co.uk.



Preparation for First Sacraments

If you are the parent/carer of a child (who is a baptised Catholic) in Years 3 or 4 and live in Sacred Heart Church Parish, we would like to invite your child to begin to prepare to receive, hopefully during Spring 2022, the sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Y3) or First Holy Communion (Y4). (Before making their First Holy Communion, the child needs to have received the sacrament of Reconciliation).

Each programme is very much a learning partnership between the child and their family, with support from the catechists, and plentiful resources are available to assist parents/carers in this task.

If you and your child would like to join either preparation programme, please send your contact details, the place and date your child received the sacrament of Reconciliation if appropriate, and their name and their age to catechist.sacredheart.ilkley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

We hope to begin the programmes after Christmas and will give more details of what is involved, timetables etc once we have an idea of who is interested.



Student Council News

Our newly formed Sacred Heart School Council have been very busy and would like to thank pupils for their ideas contributed so far.

We would like to ask families for contributions of unwanted books that children can access independently at lunchtimes. Children can bring them into school **on any Monday or Tuesday** and pass to their class School Council representative. We hope we will have enough books to have two boxes, which will meet the interests of all children. A perfect opportunity for a clear out before Christmas!

Our first fundraiser will be a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December. For a minimum donation of £1, children throughout school are invited to wear **non-uniform with a festive jumper**. The mission of **Operation Christmas Child** is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, for every £20 raised from the Christmas Jumper Day, the children at Sacred Heart will be able to select gifts online to send to a child. If you would like to complete your own box at home then please follow this link and help us towards our target!

<https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/bfef33ed>

In the New Year, Bags2School will be collecting your generous donations of unwanted clothes and shoes on Tuesday 25th January. Further details will be available when we return after the holidays, but please do keep items to one side in the meantime so we can raise as much as possible. **Please note that these donations can ONLY be dropped off on the afternoon of Monday 24th or the morning of Tuesday 25th due to health and safety considerations for the storage of such a large quantity of items. Thank you in advance for your support!**

Best wishes for the upcoming season of Advent from your Sacred Heart School Council.

This is our third week celebrating the virtue to live by :

Patience

I am able to wait because things take time. I trust in God and wait calmly and with self-control.

“Be patient and wait for the Lord to act, don’t be worried about those who prosper or those who succeed in their evil plans. Don’t give in to worry or anger; it only leads to trouble.” Psalm 37:7– 8



Happy St Andrew's Day!

On Thursday, we held a belated celebration of St Andrew's Day. Many thanks to Mr Nightingale, who played his bagpipes for us. He talked the children through how to play the bagpipes and he answered the children's many questions. The children were absolutely enthralled and behaved impeccably.

First Sunday in Advent- Upcoming events this week:

Monday– 9am Whole school Collective Worship; Y6 PE; Y5 PE; Y1-6 Harry Potter Club 3.15-4.30pm.

Tuesday– Reception PE; Y3/4 PE; Yr 3/4 Hockey.

Wednesday– Y1/2 PE; Y2/3 PE; Guitar lessons from 12.40pm; R-YR 6 Arts & Crafts Club; Girls football match IGS

Thursday– Brass lessons from 10.30am; Woodwind lessons from 11.55am; Y1/2 PE; Y2/3 PE; Reception– Y3 Multi Sports Club 3.15-4.30.

Friday– Y5 PE; Y2-6 Football Club 3.15-4.30pm

Upcoming events for Half Term 2

- ◆ Thursday 9th December– Reception and Year 1 Nativity performance
- ◆ Friday 10th December- Reception and Year 1 Nativity performance
- ◆ ***Friday 10th December– Christmas Jumper Day*. This date has changed.**
- ◆ ***Tuesday 14th December– Christmas Lunch. * This date has changed.**
- ◆ Wednesday 15th December– Christmas party day
- ◆ Friday 17th December– Year 2,3,4,5 and 6 carols (details to follow)