

Here we go again! Just when we thought things were getting back to a more familiar way of life the Government appeared with a News Briefing over the weekend telling us that once again they need to impose some restrictions and have told us all to be aware of the rising rates of infection and a new variant of Covid-19 called OMICRON. If you're anything like me, you must be wondering when will this nightmare eventually end for us all? I am being kept updated by our local Public Health team of the current infection rates in Wirral. These are on the rise and a number of schools are experiencing some quite challenging outbreaks which is a real worry. I want you to know that we are continuing to make the safety of your children our number one priority and are doing our very best to be stringent with our cleaning measures and promotion of good hygiene but I have also learnt that Covid is so unpredictable and to expect the unexpected at all times. At this moment in time, we plan to continue to go ahead with our Christmas Nativity Plays for EYFS and KS1 but are reviewing the KS2 Carol Service and whether it will be safe to go ahead with this in Church. A final decision will be taken on this next week and we will inform you as soon as we can. The plays can only go ahead if all parents understand the importance of keeping audience numbers low and all adults must wear a face covering as soon as they enter the school premises. Fingers crossed everyone stays safe and we don't have to cancel anything!

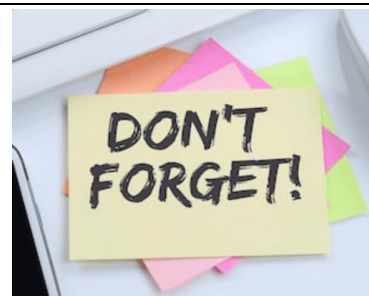


**Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Dinner**

**Thursday 9th December - Christmas Movie Night (further details will be sent out Monday)**

**Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day**

**ALL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED. THERE ARE NO MORE CLUBS NOW UNTIL JANUARY.**



**Christmas Toy Appeal 0-18 years** – This year we are collecting for Caritas. Over the years, many children and young people have benefited from gifts donated. By giving a gift to their Christmas Toy Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life this Christmas. Children may bring donations into school up to Friday 10th December. Please note —all donations should be new and do not need to be gift wrapped. Thank you to all those who have donated so far.

**PARKING** – Unfortunately we have had complaints from some local residents about parking at the start and end of the school day. It has been reported to me that families from school have been parking in disabled bays or on zigzag lines. Please only park where it is safe to do so and think of others.



**Sickness** – We have had a number of cases of children being absent with sickness. If your child has been sick, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness



of absence. Parents can leave a message on the answer phone if the Office is not yet open. Please state your child's name, class and reason for absence.

**Absence** - If your child is going to be absent, it is important that you inform the school on the first day

**Attendance** – Well done to Year 6 who have had the best attendance this week. F2 – 89.9%  
Y1 – 92.2% Y2 – 89.9%  
Y3 – 93.8% Y4 – 97.8%  
Y5 – 95.3% Y6 – 98.3%



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Christmas Fayre today, and/or sent money in for raffle tickets. We really appreciate all your support.





Here are just some of the things we have been doing in school this week...

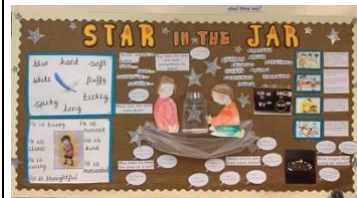
**Our EYFS children had their first forest school session following Storm Arwen. They had to do a little repair work to their den but had plenty of fun jumping in the muddy leaves!**

**The 2s room have opened their own bakery this week and have made some delicious crispy cakes.**

**Elves have arrived in school with a number of classrooms having an elf arrive. They all promise me they will just be keeping an eye on the**

**children and not getting up to too much mischief!!!!**

**In Foundation 1, the children have been busy decorating the tree in their classroom.**



**Our F2 children have really enjoyed analysing model texts and exploring the meaning of new vocabulary. They have been retelling their own version of the story this week.**

**In Year 4, the children created their own Advent Wreath and thought about the symbolism associated with it.**



**Y5 have been studying the 10 Commandments this week. They sorted them in order of importance then explained and justified their choices. They also thought about how keeping**

**them will affect their lives.**

**Our Year 6 children have also been preparing for Advent in their classroom.**

**Don't forget to keep up to date with what the children are doing via our Facebook and Twitter pages.**



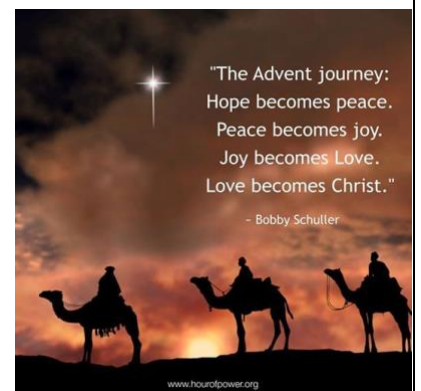
The season of Advent is now upon us. We started the week thinking about the Advent Wreath and the importance and significance of this before thinking about how we prepare for Christmas. The children were able to tell me about many exciting things they are doing in December to get ready, like putting the Christmas tree and decorations up at home, buying Christmas food, wrapping presents and writing cards.

We then thought about how all these

things are important but we also have to think about how we prepare ourselves for Christmas on the 'inside'. We discussed how God sent Jesus to earth to offer us peace and to show the world how much he loves us. As we approach Christmas, it's important that we stop and think about living in peace and love with those around us. The children have done this in school by making their Advent Promises and thinking about how they can spread peace and love in their homes and in school.



*Year 6 preparing for Advent.*



**Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph**