

**Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December – School Council Toy Appeal**

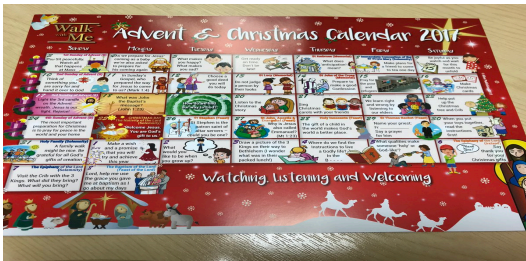
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 2 Trip to the Unity Theatre**

**Christmas will soon be upon us and the preparations are well underway!** The whole school got into the Christmas spirit watching the pantomime on Thursday. It is always magical to watch children's faces light up as a show is brought to life by actors and actresses.



## Advent Calendars

Yesterday your children will have come home with a special advent calendar. It encourages them to think carefully about each day in this holy season of advent.



## Toy Appeal

Thank you to all our families who have already contributed to the toy appeal. This will continue to run next week.



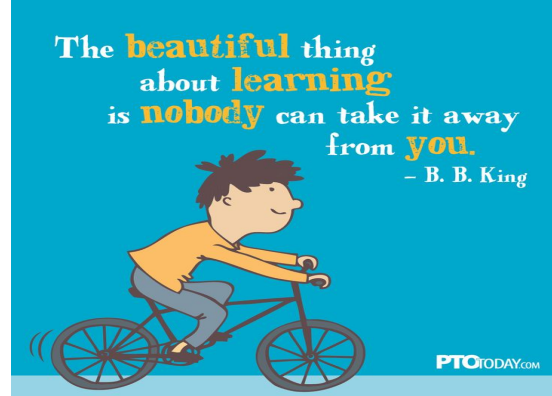
**Advent Wreaths** - Today Mrs McNulty has spent time with each class helping them create their own advent wreath. They have thought about the symbolism behind the advent wreath and now look forward to lighting a candle each week as we count down to Christmas.



## Prayer Spaces



Mrs McKee has created the most beautiful advent trail of prayer spaces throughout the school, which again encourages the children to think about the story of Christmas in a very special and spiritual way. The children will have the opportunity to use the prayer spaces over the next three weeks.



**Travelling Cribs** - From Monday, our Foundation Stage & Infant children will have the opportunity to take home a 'travelling crib'. Please share the special story inside the pack and use the figures to help in the telling of the story. This was a huge success last year and the feedback from families was overwhelmingly positive. It would be lovely if you could take a photo of your children enjoying the story at home and share it with their class teachers in the morning.



**Away from Christmas....**Year 3 enjoyed a D&T day in school where they used a range of tools to make horses that link with their anglo- saxon topic.



## School Games Award

We are again working towards achieving a School Games Award. Please visit the school games website - [www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com)

Please also visit the PE page on our own school website where you will find a calendar of school events and up to date reports of competitions we have entered.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you in advance to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Fayre!

## After School Clubs

THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUNNING DURING DECEMBER.

## WE NEED YOUR 'REAL' CHRISTMAS TREES WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED WITH

**THEM!** In January, if you have a real Christmas tree that you are looking to get rid of, please could we have it? We need them for our forest area!



**Weekly Attendance** Well done again to all those children who have been in school on time every day this week. If for any reason you are struggling to get your child(ren) into school everyday and on time please come and let us know so we can support you. Don't forget toast club is open every morning at 8:15am and you do not need to book a place. Congratulations to Year 3 for having the best attendance again this week!

F2	95.0%	Year 3	96.0%
Year 1	87.3%	Year 4	94.3%
Year 2	93.9%	Year 5	90.4%
		Year 6	87.8%

Don't forget to stay up to date with all our latest information and dates for the diary via our website, twitter page and facebook page. You can find us at [www.smaaawirral.com](http://www.smaaawirral.com)

This week you will find some lovely photos of the panto that the children enjoyed in school.

**If you ever have any concerns, worries or suggestions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs**

**Bennison, Mrs Young or myself. Thank you for your continued support.**

**Mrs S Ralph**