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2nd December 2022

As we start to reach the end of the Autumn term, we are getting very excited as we prepare for all our end of term events. We have been very busy rehearsing our nativity plays and carol service and hope that many of you will be able to join us for these special events, where we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Nativity plays:

Please see the dates for your diary section to find out when your child's nativity play will be. I know the children are so excited to perform for you. There is no cost for tickets but we will be asking for donations towards new toys and equipment for the children. Thank you.

Bikeability:

Pupils in Y4 and Y5 have the opportunity to undertake Bikeability next week which will ensure they can ride their bikes safely. Well done to everyone who is taking part.

Cold weather: As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child has a warm coat to wear at break times. PE lessons will also continue to take place outdoors for as long as possible. Therefore, children will need a school branded tracksuit (available from SK uniforms) or an unbranded plain dark tracksuit to wear on PE days. Thank you.

A message from our Y5 Ministers of Faith:

"As we enter the season of advent try to remember that Christmas is really about the birth of our saviour, Jesus - the light of the world." (Lillia, Hallie and Darcee-Rae)

Social media: St Elizabeth's now has its own Twitter feed. Follow us @elizabeths_cp to keep up to date with news and other information. In addition, please also join our Friends facebook page by searching for the 'Friends of St Elizabeth's' on facebook as school info will also go on this page.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th December - Y5 Bikeability

Tuesday 6th December - Reception, Y1, 2 and 3 to Snow White, Y5 Bikeability

Wednesday 7th December - Carol Service at St Johns 6pm, Pre-School Christmas craft afternoon 2-3pm, Y4 Bikeability.

Thursday 8th December - 'Parents in prayer' Advent prayer group 9am - All welcome

Friday 9th December - Mass led by Y2

Monday 12th December - Christmas discos (Non-uniform day)

Tuesday 13th December - Christmas dinner

Wednesday 14th December - Early years (Pre-school & Reception) nativity 2pm

Thursday 15th December - Y1/2 nativity 2pm

Friday 16th December - Mass led by Y6, 'Save the children' Christmas jumper day, School closes for Christmas

Stars of the week:

Pre-school - Kacper and Joseph

Reception - Louie and Zeniyah

Year 1 - William and Olivier

Year 2 - Natan and Cali

Year 3 - Freya and George

Year 4 - Orlaith and Edward

Year 5 - Harry and Leo

Year 6 - Cain and Libby

Lunchtime stars - Willow, Arianna, Alana, Evangeline, Annie, Eden, Lucja

Long hair:

Please ensure that children with long hair (both male and female) wear long hair tied back every day. This avoids hair being accidentally pulled and also decreases the likelihood of headlice spreading around school. Thank you.

Advent prayer:

Lord God, our light and our salvation,
We praise you for your gifts of life and
faith.

We thank you for the desire
that you have planted in our hearts
our yearning to see your face.

Help us to meet you in prayer
To walk in your ways
and to speak to others of our joy
and consolation in your presence.

Give us faithfulness in this present life
so that we may come to know
and praise your beauty
with all our brothers and sisters
in the life to come.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

Amen

Pope Francis says:

"God conceals himself in the most ordinary situations of our lives. He does not come in extraordinary events, but in everyday things: our daily work, a chance encounter, someone in need... That's where the Lord is, who calls to us and inspires our actions."

**Sticky Knowledge:**

Why not try this week's 'sticky knowledge' questions with your children to see if they have retained this important information? It is crucial that we keep revising important knowledge with pupils to ensure they know and understand more as they progress through school. You could try the question for your child's year group and the ones for younger year groups to see what they can remember.

Pre-school - Can you retell the story of 'Stickman'?

Reception - Name 5 things that God created.

Year 1 - Can you recall words that contain the phoneme 'aw'? I will go first.. paw. Maybe you could write them in a sentence.

Year 2 - What is the meaning of the Advent wreath and what message would you share with your family about Advent?

Year 3 - What are the alternative spellings for the sound 'f'? Can you think of some words that start with the alternative spellings for 'f', eg. photograph

Year 4 - What is the difference between perimeter and area? Can you use a ruler to draw some squares and rectangles and then find the perimeter and area?

Year 5 - How many signs and symbols can you name from a baptism? Do you know their meaning?

Year 6 - Explain the meaning of the terms 'dividend, divisor and quotient' and how they can be identified in a division calculation. Can you write and answer some division questions?