

## Newsletter: December 2019

Dear Parents

As the term draws rapidly to a close, a reminder that:

- Term ends on Thursday 19th December at 2pm
- Spring term starts Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Start of term church assembly, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 8.50 am
- Fr. Paul's final Church Service – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The school choir will sing and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us
- Ash Wednesday Church Assembly – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Led by Bishop Rob



**Pictures from our EYFS Nativity**



This term we have been thinking carefully about how we promote **reading** throughout

the school. We will be sharing lots of information about this with you in the spring term. We are planning a reading workshop before half-term and as soon as the date is confirmed we will share it with you.



There were quite a few children's books left over after the Advent Fayre. Instead of sending them to local charity shops we have recycled them into EYFS and KS1 classrooms. The majority of the books were in excellent condition and very suitable for young readers; many were popular choices still found in all good bookshops. Our school budget has become very tight (like most schools) and we are really starting to struggle to maintain provision at its current level. Expenditure is having to be cut back and we are therefore looking for ways to make savings to pay for essential services and resources. With this in mind, we would be able to re-stock our classroom libraries at minimal cost, if you were willing to donate any books to the school which your children have out-grown. Any books in good condition for children from nursery to Y6 would be gratefully received.





**Pictures from our KS1 Nativity**



We are also running two further workshops for parents during the spring term. The first is on **helping young people to develop healthy lifestyles**. This will be run by NHS staff on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January and we welcome parents to join us at 9 am for this presentation (coffee will be provided). The workshop will last for approximately 30 minutes.



The second workshop for parents, **'Growing Against Violence,'** is at 1.30 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. The session seeks to educate and inform parents about gangs and gang culture. It will finish at 3 pm.

The presenters from both workshops will also be working with children on each of these days. We very much hope that you will be able to join us.

**Pictures from our Junior Carol Service**





New information is added to our website regularly. Please visit the **'Year Groups'** and **'Curriculum'** tabs on the website as new information is constantly added. As well as visiting the **class photos** section on each class page, don't forget to visit the **'Gallery'** at the foot of each page. This section of the website is now operative and lots of new photos from across the school have and will continue to be added here. Most recent additions are of our Christmas celebrations. Our website is designed and maintained to provide you with lots of school information which we hope you will find helpful and interesting. It is especially important as a resource for finding out about what's going on in school and for showcasing the wonderful curriculum on offer.

We wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year.

Graham Gunn



**...and the School Choir sang at the Parish Centre Lunch**

**Y4 and Y6 visited 'The Christmas Experience'**

