

# St. George's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents

Our Collective Worship this week was focused on Advent and the theme of HOPE. Miss Mawtus and some of her Spirit Squad are preparing and delivering weekly assemblies to the children over the Advent period. We are reflecting on how we as individuals prepare for Jesus' birthday and how our actions and words speak so much more than presents on our Christmas list.

## **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Just a reminder that we'll be celebrating **Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day**. This is a special day to help raise awareness and funds for an amazing charity whose work is absolutely invaluable. It takes place next Thursday (8<sup>th</sup> December) and Save The Children want to reach all schools this year! This is the information from their website...



'Do NOT buy a brand-new sweater! You can [buy a second-hand Christmas jumper from our online shop](#) or visit one of our [charity shops](#) across the country.

[Or why not make your own jumper?](#) Just grab any old thing from the back of the cupboard and cover it with stickers, felt, tinsel, glitter, baubles, whatever. Yule look woolly wonderful!

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day is the best day of the whole entire year, so it's super-important that not one single person misses it. Let's get every single person totally involved.'

An old tee-shirt or jumper, with a bit of Christmas decoration would make the perfect top for the day. Please don't buy something especially for the day – use what you can!

We ask for just £1.00 from each child on the day. The Government has promised to match each £2.00 raised with a donation of £2.00!!!

## **FOUNDATION GOVERNOR NEEDED**

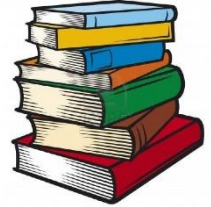
We are still looking for an additional Foundation Governor to join the Governing Body. We have 11 members at the moment but our full capacity is 12. If you are interested, or know anyone in our parish who may be interested, please let us know. The Foundation Governor doesn't need to have any connection to the school, just someone from our community who feels they could support the forward drive of the school in some capacity. The Governors are a lovely group of easy-going people who want to support our staff and pupils to be the best they can.

Please contact Mrs Jones if you would like further information.

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## KS2 READING BOOKS

In recent weeks, especially with staff shortages, it's been difficult to change all the KS2 reading books successfully to ensure all children have selected the right book level. We are therefore moving to SET DAYS for book changes. ALL children in KS2 will have their book changes (if it's completed) on a MONDAY and THURSDAY. Obviously, if your child is absent then staff will change it for them but these will be our set days from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. **Please ensure ALL books are in school on MONDAY.**



## DATES FOR DIARIES

Here are the remaining events that we have planned for the next 2 ½ weeks before we break up for Christmas.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
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**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
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**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**KS1 Christmas Play @ 9.30**  
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**EYFS Christmas Play @ 9.30**  
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**Father Christmas comes to town!**  
**Santa Dash (pm)**  
**KS2 Tableau @ 1.30**  
**Assembly to present Alister Saville Card WINNERS**  
**Children's Class Party Afternoon**  
**School closes @ 1.00pm**

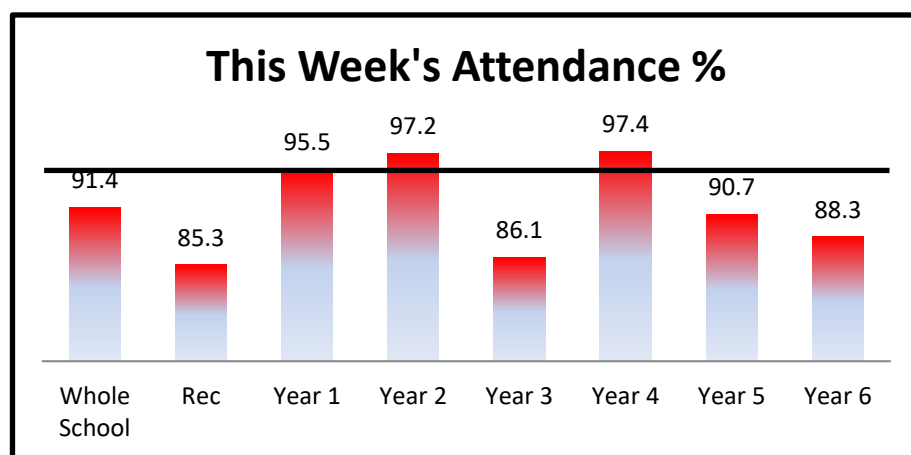
## PERFORMANCES

This year, instead of selling tickets to our Foundation and KS1 Christmas performances, we'll be just asking for £1.00 per person when entering the hall. You'll get your programme and also entered into the draw for a prize at the end of the show. We will put ALL our chairs out and open the doors at approximately 9.10am. Seats are not limited – within reason.

## ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **Remember, our school target is 96% which is represented by the black line.**

Our whole school attendance has been WELL BELOW 96% for the past weeks, which is unacceptable and uncharacteristic for a school like ours in other parts of the county.



Well done Years 2 and 4 – our class champions this week!  
Wishing you all a great weekend.

Mr P. Chapman  
Headteacher

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