

Thank you to everyone who has helped in school this term.
I was delighted that so many parents could join us to help children make Christmas decorations. Our tree looked fantastic within a very short space of time!

Please Can You Help?

We are still looking for volunteers to help in school, particularly with reading but also with food technology/baking activities. Perhaps you have another skill/talent you could share with groups of children.

We also need parents who would be willing to lead a walking train to school on a regular basis or have any other ideas about how we can reduce traffic and parking around our school. There will be a meeting with parents, pupils and our local PCSOs early in the new term.

We were privileged again this year, to have the Monkwearmouth Salvation Army Band at school to make our Carol singing extra special.
Thanks to everyone who joined us this afternoon and who contributed to the collection which will be put to very good use with those in need this Christmas.

Please pray for our school family over Christmas and in particular for those who are ill or facing any kind of difficulty.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your very generous gifts, cards, good wishes and support.

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas.



Wishing you a Joyful Christmas

And a Peaceful New Year

Advent Liturgy: Thank you to KS2 children and staff for the very thoughtful Christingle service liturgy which helped us all think about the real meaning of Christmas and about the needs of others.

Special thanks to those children who stepped in at the last minute to read and/or act for children who didn't make it to church and weren't able to get a message to school.

The collection at the end of the Advent Liturgy raised £173.22. We will share this between HCPT 195, Kumi Project in Uganda and Pearl of Africa Choir.

Nativity Thank you to the children and staff for their 'Wriggly Nativity. I am delighted that so many parents/carers, governors and friends of the school were able to join us. We had a very positive response to the sale of Photographs and DVDs.

YMT Wear Purple - This event raised £132.17 to help support the work of the Youth Ministry Trust.

CHRISTMAS MASSES There are many opportunities for you as parents/carers to take the children to church over Christmas; helping them to understand their Advent preparation/ worship and R.E in school. Please see the attached timetable of Masses taking place in the different parishes over Christmas.

CHRISTMAS AT ST.AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH 2018

CHRISTMAS EVE - Monday 24TH DECEMBER

6.00 p.m. MASS (Carols at 5.30 p.m. You need to arrive early to get a seat for this one!)

12.00 MIDNIGHT MASS (carols from 11.30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Tuesday 25TH DECEMBER

10.00 a.m. MASS

NATIVITY in the grounds of our Parish Centre in Larchfield Street, on Sunday 23rd December at 4pm. Free Entry, but please bring along tinned food or long-life milk as a donation. These will be sent to the Food Bank.

Afterwards please come to the Parish Centre for refreshments.

Carol Service in Church Sunday 30th December at 4.00 p.m.

Christmas Card Competition

Well done Faith Y5 and Chiara Y6 whose designs were chosen for the cover of our official Christmas Card.

School Choir 55 children have used their singing talents to bring the Christmas story to mind for many people in Darlington. They sang for the opening of Late Night Shopping in the Imperial Quarter (Grange Road) and in Queen Street which raised £181.65 for St Teresa's Hospice, They also sang for residents at Greencroft sheltered housing.

Ukulele, Cello & Violin concert Parents/Carers were again treated to a special Ukulele performance by Y4 & Y5 pupils as well as our 'cellists and violinists. Another chance to showcase the children's musical talents and progress. Thank you to their dedicated teachers who come to school to work with our children and organise the opportunities to perform.

Christmas Hamper Raffle. Thank you for all your wonderful donations and for supporting ticket sales. The raffle was a great success and we will let you know how much money was raised on the next newsletter. Particular thanks to St. Augustine's PFA for organising social and fundraising events including mulled wine and mince pies after our Advent Liturgy.

Angel Ornaments - Thank you to Mrs Holborn for making the beautiful angel ornaments for us to sell. This has helped raise £63 for school.

Attendance

We invited our School Nurse Team into school to provide hygiene reminder sessions to help stop the spread of illness. Unfortunately Attendance has still been affected by a number of communicable illnesses which meant some children really did need to stay at home. Attendance letters/certificates/rewards will go out at the start of next term

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th JANUARY: Pupils return to school.

After school clubs next half term: Letters will go out at the start of next term.

School Lunch: £2.10 per day from 7th January.