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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

RECEPTION NATIVITY

The Reception children performed a lovely nativity this week. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for enabling the children to tell the Christmas story so well.

YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Year 4 children performed Bah Humbug this week. It was wonderful to see how confident the children were. Thank you to all the children, parents and staff for enabling the children to act, sing and dance so well.

KS2 ADVENT SERVICE AT ST VINCENT'S CHURCH TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 6:30PM

Children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 are all involved in the service and are required to attend in full school uniform. The area will be busy so please allow plenty of time to park.

MINI VINNIE EVENT TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER

The Mini Vinnies will visit the St Vincent SVP Christmas party at Westleigh and offer pre-lunch entertainment. They will sing, dance, play instruments and chat to the guests. This is a lovely example of our Mini Vinnies reaching out to our community.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

The children will enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch. It is a usual school uniform day. Class games will follow in the afternoon.

RECEPTION VISIT TO TATTON PARK THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER

The children will enjoy a magical visit to the park to see Father Christmas. The children are asked to attend in their usual school uniform including a coat and sensible shoes.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME FOR NURSERY PRE-SCHOOL, INFANT AND JUNIOR CHILDREN FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER

"Oh no it isn't, oh yes it is...!" This year's pantomime production will be Jack and the Beanstalk and all year groups will see the show, which will take place the junior hall.



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SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Friday 20 December at the usual time.

CORNERSTONE SHOEBOXES

Thank you for sending in your shoeboxes for the homeless. We know that the people who receive them will be very grateful for your generous donations.

MIND CHARITY

Christmas can be a joyful time of year; a chance to see family and friends, exchange gifts and have some fun. But it can also be a challenging time of year, and can be even more difficult to cope with. Because of this, we have shared some useful resources for getting through the festive period from the charity MIND.

Feelings of **loneliness** can feel stronger at Christmas and New Year. If this is something you are struggling with, you might find their [tips on coping with loneliness](#) helpful.

Christmas time can also bring up practical and emotional issues, which can be really **stressful**. They have some information on [coping under pressure](#), which may help.

Information on [eating problems](#), [how food affects your mood](#) as well as [alcohol](#) may be helpful for people who are struggling with the amount of **food and drink** around in the coming weeks.

The pressure to spend money on presents, decorations and travel can also trigger many **money worries**. [Check their information on money and mental health here.](#)

AUTISM-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Please find below lots of exciting events for over the Christmas period and sign up for autism-friendly Christmas tips at:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/about/christmas.aspx>

Links to autism-friendly events at Home, Manchester; Z Arts, Hulme; performances in Bolton; and cinema screenings

<https://homemcr.org/accessibility/relaxed-events/>

<https://www.z-arts.org/events/tiger-and-mog-accessible-performances/>

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/bolton/victoria-hall/cinderella-relaxed-performance/e-mkvoga>



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<https://www.dimensions-uk.org/get-involved/campaigns/autism-friendly-cinema-screenings/>

SUPPORTING ST ANN'S HOSPICE

Each year St Ann's collect Christmas trees. They have set themselves a challenge to collect 3,000 trees for a small donation to the charity. They are collecting in the following postcode areas SK2, SK3, SK4, SK5, SK6, SK7, SK8, WA14, WA15, M20, M21, M22, M27 and M33 between 10 and 12 January 2020. The deadline to book in your tree is midnight Sunday 5 January 2020. You can book your tree here <https://just-helping.org.uk/xmas-trees/>

The Christmas tree collection in aid of St Ann's Hospice is run entirely by local volunteers and in January 2019, they collected 2,234 Christmas trees, raising £29,472.65.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Miss Campbell's class 98.7%
Highest junior class attendance	Miss Jamieson's class 99.65%
Overall school attendance	95.33%

*Please note that disability related absence is not taken into account when calculating best attendance

We are a listening school and offer an open door to parents. Mrs Sutton (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harrop

Headteacher

