



# OUR NEWS 30/11/18

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*"In the Light of Jesus we Love, Listen and Grow"*

## Dates for your diary

Please see the 18/19 and 19/20 holiday dates on the school website under the parents tab, address above.

### 2018/2019

Crib Assembly	Mon 3rd Dec - 2.30 (In school)
Christmas Jumper Day	Fri 14th Dec (all day)
Christmas Craft Fair	Fri 14th Dec - 5.00pm (In School)
Carols by Candlelight	Tues 18th Dec - 6.30pm
KS1 Christmas Performances	18th & 19th Dec - 2.00pm (In Church)
Christmas Dinner & Parties	Thurs 20th Dec
Carol Service	Fri 21st at 11.30am (In Church)
Close for Christmas	Fri 21st Dec at 12.30
School opens for Spring Term	Tues 8th Jan 2019
Spring Half Term	18th - 22nd February
Parent's Evenings	12th & 13th March (3.30 - 5.30)
Easter holidays	15th - 26th April
Summer Half Term	27th - 31st May
Parent's Evenings	25th & 26th June

## Birthday Congratulations

A huge "Happy Birthday," goes to everyone who has celebrated their birthday recently.

Maria (Yr6)  
Joseph (Yr4)  
Raphael (Yr3)  
Jack(Yr2)  
Danny (Yr4)  
Willow (Rec)  
Amalia (Nur)  
Hannah (Yr6)  
George (Yr1)



### PE Kits

Can we remind you that PE kits consist of **plain** black shorts, a plain white T-shirt or one with the school logo on and plimsolls as well as trainers. The children will need **black** tracksuit bottoms and black top for outside games during the winter. Thank you.



**We are a Nut Free School. This includes Nutella spread and any spread with nuts in it.**



On Friday 14th December we would like to support the "Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal," by inviting all children to replace their school jumper or cardigan with a Christmas jumper for a donation of £1. This money will go to supporting children around the world to have a brighter future. As part of the day we will discuss with our children how they can show compassion and empathy for those less fortunate than themselves and we hope they will feel proud to brighten another child's life at this time of the year and in the year to come. Thank you.

### FOHC

Tonight the FOHC will arrive in school to help Mr Bowler erect the Christmas tree they have bought for the school. This is a wonderful school tradition and it marks the beginning of our Advent activities. A few newsletters ago we mentioned the fact that our decorations are getting a little tired. In order to replenish the stocks we would like all children to bring one decoration that they can put on the tree. We hope that the children will then enjoy finding their decoration each year to come. These decorations can be bought or made. We hope everyone will be able to take part next Monday when we invite them to come out and add their piece.

### Thank You

A huge thank you to Mrs Daley, Mrs Newberry and Mrs Dyer-Greeves who have supported our Early Years unit since our last newsletter, their contributions have been greatly received.  
Thank You

### School Nurse

Our school nurse now visits school on the first Monday of every month at 2.30 until the end of the school day. The date of her next and last visit this term is:

**Monday 3rd December**

### Current RE Topic

At the minute our children are beginning their topic on Advent and Christmas. If you would like to support their learning you could discuss how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Mission websites to get a religious Advent calendar. We also remind the children that this is a time of waiting and preparation, preparing to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

Our Key Stage 2 bingo and pizza night was a real hoot last Thursday. The tension and excitement was immense and the children really enjoyed the excitement. The pizza was scrumptious too. Thank you to FOHC for arranging the night.



### Travelling Crib

Every year we begin Advent with our Crib Assembly to which you are invited. Our travelling cribs are blessed by Fr Cahill and they then begin their journeys around our homes. The cribs come with their own instructions but I have included some additional information overleaf for all of our new families. It is a very special tradition that has been happening for many years at Holy Cross. We hope you enjoy it.



**Travelling Cribs  
at Holy Cross**



To help us remember the Christmas Story we would like to invite you to join our special project called 'The Travelling Crib'.

This is to help us remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem, and as a family take time to *encounter* with, and think about the true meaning of Christmas.

*The night you have the crib in your house please:  
unpack the box and set up the crib scene*

*perhaps light a candle and sing the simple song enclosed.*

*After the song take a few moments to be silent and reflect on what Christmas means to you  
The enclosed prayer can then be said.*

Please encourage your child to draw a picture or write about the night the travelling crib was in your home.

*(A book is provided with the crib box)*

Please stick any pictures into the book and send it back to school with the crib.

Thank you for sharing this with us.

*In the morning, pack away the crib as it was when it arrived with you and return it to school for the next family to take it home.*

A song to sing when you light your candle:

(to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle)

*Candle, candle standing  
tall Jesus love is for us  
all.*

*Now we're going to make it  
shine The light it gives us is a  
sign*

**(light the candle)**

*Candle, candle burning  
bright Jesus is the world's  
true light.*



A prayer to say when the candle is lit and you have taken time to reflect.

*Dear God*

*Please bless our home and family on this special night as we remember the journey to Bethlehem and how excited Mary and Joseph were that Jesus would soon be born.*

*Help us to cherish this special time together and to remember the true meaning of Christmas.*

*Amen*

