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### 14th December 2018

### Message from the Head of School

What an exciting week we have had with so many exciting events taking place in school linked to Advent and our Christmas festivities.

The children and staff worked extremely hard and produced two outstanding Christmas Performances, not only watched by family members but also residents from Notre Dame House and Cathedral members and staff.

Thank you to Mrs Sheikh and her wonderful choir. They attended Notre Dame House on Wednesday to sing a collection of Christmas songs to the residents.

We all had a fun filled Christmas dinner and all looked super festive wearing our festive jumpers! We would like to say a massive thank you to the catering team for providing such a high quality meal for everyone. It was absolutely delicious- thank you Sandra, Lisa and Becky.

Next week, Julia Donaldson class are having a Polar Express day on Tuesday and on Wednesday they will be watching The Gingerbread Man at the Theatre Royal. Please return consent forms, if you haven't done so already.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs D Potterton

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#### Liturgy in School

Please join us for whole school liturgy on Monday at 9.00 am. The theme for our prayer and worship next week is: <u>We're getting ready!</u>

Dear Jesus, thank you for everything you have given me. Help me to be happy with what I have. Thank you for giving me so much love and joy! Amen

### Christmas Performances

Thank you for making both our Christmas Performances extra special with your presence.



Wednesday 12 December 6.00pm—Advent Reconciliation Service

Friday 14 December 7.30pm—Primrose Charity Carol Service



## Monday 24 December

4.00pm—Nativity Play for children, at the Cathedral. 5.30pm—Carols and Readings at St Joseph's,

followed by

6.00pm—Vigil of Christmas at St Joseph's. 11.30pm—Carols and Readings at the Cathedral, followed by

## **Tuesday 25 December**

12midnight—Midnight Mass at the Cathedral 8.00am—Christmas Day Mass at the Cathedral 10.00am - Christmas Day Mass at the Cathedral

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Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.

<u>All information is available on our</u> <u>website calendar.</u>

## **Diary Dates**

### Tuesday 18th December

Julia Donaldson class (only), Polar Express Day. PJ's and dressing gown required

#### Wednesday 19th December

Julia Donaldson class going to the theatre

Friday 21st December

Christmas Party Day, no uniform.

Last day of term, 3:15pm

Monday 7th January

First day of term, 8:30am

Friday 15th February

Non pupil day

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd February

Half term holiday

Monday 25th February

First day of term, 8:30am

Friday 5th April

Last day of term, 3:15pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS	
Julia Donaldson	85.60%
Roald Dahl	92.25%
Michael Morpurgo	97.04%
David Walliams	95.29%

## EveryMinute Counts

Minutes late per day	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year
5 mins	10 Days
10 mins	7 Days
15 mins	10.5 Days
20 mins	14 Days
30 mins	21 Days



Julia Donaldson had a lovely story time session with some of our year 5 & 6 children this week.

