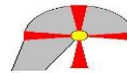


December Newsletter St. Alban's Catholic Primary School



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Our Advent countdown began with the preparation and blessing of the Advent Wreath on Friday 30th November. The children in Key Stage 2 will now lead our Advent Journey towards the end of term. Whitby Class will lead our end of term Mass on Friday 14th December at 11am ~ everyone welcome

We continue to offer a variety of After School Clubs throughout the week. The clubs are very popular and we try to ensure that requests for places are allocated correctly. It is therefore vital that once a place has been allocated the correct payment is received onto the ParentPay System, before the first club meeting. Please note that if payment is not received your child's place will be retracted.

After Christmas we are teaming up with the **National School Breakfast Programme**. Consequently there will be some changes to our current offer. We hope more families will take advantage of this new breakfast scheme, which combines a free breakfast with low cost childcare. More details to follow including taster mornings...
...so watch this space!!

10 DAY ACTIVE TRAVEL CHALLENGE was the best ever!! More children and families got involved than ever before. Our healthy and environmentally friendly travel habits have been recognised and are to be rewarded with a **SCOOTERPOD**. The pod will ensure that children coming to school on scooters can park them safely during the school day. A massive well done to everyone who got involved in the challenge, together we are **WINNERS!!!**

The Governing Body has vacancies, if you are interested in finding out more about becoming a governor please speak to Mrs Ayres or Mrs Ebsworth.

We welcome Mrs Petty to our school team, she will be working in partnership with Mrs Needham in Roche Class to cover Miss Shipley's maternity absence. Mrs Petty will continue as full time class teacher when Mrs Needham goes on maternity leave later in the spring term. We send our best wishes to Miss Shipley as she begins to rest and prepare for the arrival of her new baby and wish Mrs Petty a very warm welcome to St. Alban's School.

As promised we will be hosting our second **Open Class Event** of the year on **Friday 7th December from 9am until 10.30am.**

Parents, carers and family are invited to join their children, working alongside them in class.

St. Alban's School has been invited to represent all Doncaster Schools at the Tour De Yorkshire Launch. The **Bike It Crew** and a group of KS2 children will travel to Leeds for Friday's announcement by
Sir Gary Verity

School Christmas Dinner
Friday 14th December ~ if your child is in KS2 and normally has a packed lunch, you can still pay for a lunch through Parent Pay. Please ensure lunches are ordered and paid for by Tuesday 11th December - thank you.

Christmas Concerts
(All classes, all welcome)
Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th December
Doors open at 1.15pm
Where possible we encourage parents with young children to come to our Toddler Performance on Wednesday 19th December
Doors open from 9am - performance starts 9.15am

*Once again we will complete our Advent preparations with our **Christingle Service** in church on Friday 21st December at 2pm*
We ask for donations of oranges to decorate for our Christingle Service

Attendance to date 96.4%
KEEP UP THE GREAT EFFORT

School opens for the new term on
Monday 7th January 2019
Breakfast Club from 8am £1.00, the school day begins at 8.55