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Advent - Joy

This week in collective worship, our Advent theme has been joy. We have taken time to reflect on the joy that Advent brings as we prepare for the coming of Christmas, thinking about how joy can be found in hope, kindness, and sharing with others. Through stories, prayers, and moments of reflection, pupils were encouraged to recognise joy in their everyday lives and to spread it within our school community and beyond.

Christmas Week

Next week is the last week of term and we will be getting very festive. Here is a quick reminder of the key things:

All week – Swap your school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper (the rest of the school uniform remains in place).

Monday 15th December – Christmas Services at St P and P (2pm and 7pm)

Wednesday 17th – Pupil Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th – End of term service at St P and P (11.30am)

Friday 19th – Christmas Golden Time

Friday 19th – School finishes at 1.30pm!

Parent Skills Survey

We are putting together a database of parents who have skills, passions, hobbies or experiences which may well enhance the school curriculum or in-school events. For example, you may be a dentist and may be willing to come in to speak to a class or year group about oral health. If you have a relevant skill, please complete our simple survey by clicking [this link](#). We are excited to know more about the skills and talents across our parent body!

Thank You Tring Tornadoes!

We are incredibly grateful to Tring Tornadoes and their Chairman, Stephen Bailey, for donating us three new football kits for our school teams to play in. We are extremely grateful and are certain that these new kits will make the players play even better than normal. Thanks also to Mrs Miller for helping us to secure the new kits.

New Website

Debs and I are working alongside some developers to produce a new website for the school. We want this website to be user friendly so that parents can find information easily rather than always resorting to a WhatsApp group where somebody else will have needed to remember the relevant information. We had a really useful meeting with the Parent Reps this week to discuss the site and what the key content should be. Debs and I were able to share an early look at the site and it was well received. We hope to launch the new site early in the Spring term.

Year 6 Choir

On Wednesday afternoon some of our year 6 pupils spread joy at the High Street Baptist church, singing carols to their games club for elderly people. They represented Bishop Wood School excellently and I was really proud of them

Useful Reminders

Christmas Service Timings



He came so that we can 'be the best
version of ourselves, enjoying life in all its
fullness.'



Whole-school Christmas services will be held at St Peter and St Paul on Monday 15th December, with services at 2:00pm and 7:00pm (60–90 minutes).

Christmas Post Box

Our school Christmas post box opened this week Year 6 elves will sort and deliver cards. Please ensure each envelope clearly shows the recipient's name and class.

Active Travel Spot Check

Today the Active Travel Ambassadors did a spot check to see which class Toby the travel teddy would spend next half term with. The winners were 5M who had an amazing 93%! Well done 5M

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of key dates for the Autumn Term. We will add to this as we progress through the school year.

New dates will be highlighted.

Date	Event
Monday 15 th December	Afternoon and Evening Christmas Services at St P and P
Wednesday 17 th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	End of Term Service at St P and P 11.30am
15 th – 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Week
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Golden Time
Friday 19 th December	School closes at 1.30pm

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley