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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

Preparing for Advent and Christmas

Christingle thank you Many thanks to those of you who joined us at St Mary's Church on Sunday for the parish Christingle and especially to those children who sang in the service. You can see them performing on the ESBB Parish site <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=568938419080755> Our children sing 12 mins 10 secs into the service.

Pictured below Class 1 children made their own Christingles in school and had some quiet reflective time.



Christmas Activities in school calendar and reminders:

Thursday 5th December 7pm in school Friends of the School Christmas Fundraising Wreath Making Workshop. This is for those who have booked a place already.

Friday 6th December 3.30pm after school in IT suite room. Pre loved children's Christmas jumper and uniform sale. Please send any preloved children's Christmas jumpers into school for sale on Friday. The sale will begin at the end of the day 3.30pm when you collect your child.

Saturday 7th December 10.00-4pm Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's, Brompton-on-Swale. Our Eco Team have made recycled Christmas Tree decorations for our school Eco Tree which will be on display at the Festival.

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December 2pm in school hall. 'Born in a Barn' Class 1 and 2 Nativity Performances. Please reserve your tickets in Parent Pay. Any problems reserving your tickets please contact the office. Please enter through the playground gate and hall. Doors will open from 1.30pm. FoS will sell refreshments. (We had a wonderful Dress rehearsal today attended by the whole school and our feeder nurseries. Thank you for helping with costumes).

Christmas Activities in school calendar and reminders continued:

Friday 13th December Christmas raffle prize donation deadline. Please support us by buying and returning raffle tickets. Please donate Christmas themed items as raffle prizes. All proceeds from this go to support our school and the children directly.

Tuesday 17th December Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party Class 1 and 2 will have their party in the afternoon. Father Christmas will arrive by tractor to see the children on this day. Children should come to school in their PE kit as normal in the morning. **They should bring party clothes to change into after lunch. A party food list will be on display in the office entrance area from Friday 6th Dec for you to sign up to bring some food to share at the party tea.** If your child has food allergies please discuss with their class teacher.

Wednesday 18th December Class 3 and 4 Christmas Party Class 3 and 4 will have their party in the afternoon. **They should bring party clothes to change into after lunch. Please can children bring a small amount of food to share at the party tea. Boys please bring savoury and girls sweet items.** If your child has food allergies please discuss with their class teacher.

Thursday 19th December Whole School Christmas lunch. Christmas jumpers may be worn with school uniform/PE kit The whole school will enjoy a Christmas lunch together with crackers and decorations. Letters have gone home to packed lunch children inviting them to a school lunch on this day. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Everyone sits together regardless of whether they are eating a packed lunch or school Christmas lunch. **This is our Christmas Jumper Day and donations can be made to the charity Save the Children on Parent Pay.**

Friday 20th December Last Day Christmas Carol Service in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale at 2pm All our Class 3 and 4 children will lead this service and the whole school will attend. Parents, carers and friends from all classes in school are invited to join us.

We finish for Christmas on Friday 19th December at 3pm. Please note this is an early finish following the Carol Service.

Thank you to the Green Frog Garden Centre at Ellerton for donating our school Christmas tree once again.

Parish News: Christmas Services are advertised on the parish website: <https://www.esbb.co.uk/>



Crib Service Christmas Eve 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale Children are invited to wear Nativity costumes.

Crib Service Christmas Eve 3pm at St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale Children are invited to wear Nativity costumes.

Midnight Christmas Eve Communion St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day All Age Communion 10.30am St Agatha's Easby Abbey

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson