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# 'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, every child in school added their decoration to the school Christmas tree. We then had a grand lights switch on and a Christmas sing. The tree looks great and school is looking very festive. I would like to thank the East Keswick Plant Centre for providing our tree for us again this year. We really appreciate their help with this.

## Nativity Performances

During the week, the children have been busy learning the carols for the Nativity next Thursday. Class 1 and Year 6 have been working together to do their parts and all is coming together nicely.

If you are coming to the 9.30am performance, you are free to stay around school until the performance begins. Our aim is to let parents in as soon as we have the hall ready for you. If you are attending the 2pm performance, we will be opening the main gates for families at about 1.40pm.

If your child is in Class 3 or 4, we would like them to wear their school uniform, not their PE kit on Nativity day.

Tickets for the performances have been given out today. Please look out for green 9.30am performance or yellow 2.00pm performance cards, which have the time and number of tickets you have been allocated. In most cases, we have been able to give families the tickets they requested, including the extras, but please check and bring your ticket with you on the day.

One reply slip requesting morning tickets did not have the child's name or class written onto it. We have allocated this family their requested tickets but don't know who to give the tickets to (Possibly Class 2). If you find that you have not been given tickets, this could be you. Please contact Mrs Flowerdew.

## Next Friday

Next Friday is the final day in school before the Christmas break. It is also class party and Christmas lunch day. Each class teacher will let you know specifics for each class but the day is non-uniform (feel free to be festive and get out the Christmas jumpers and tinsel). Classes will be having a fun day of games and Christmas activities and we are hoping to have a visit from a special Christmas visitor during the afternoon. This should be a great way to end a great first term of the year. (We will be holding our usual Celebration Assembly next Friday at 2.40pm)

## Harewood Primary Advent Appeal

This year we are supporting the St George's Crypt wellbeing team appeal for gifts, which can be given to try to bring some Christmas cheer the vulnerable adults they support. The charity has said that they would like donations of Christmas chocolates, sports bottles or men's gift sets. If you feel you are able to support the Crypt and school with a donation, please bring them into school by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December so we can get the donations to them in time for Christmas. Thank you to the families who have already contributed.

If you would prefer to contribute in a financial way, we have setup a JustGiving page where donations can be made directly to the charity. The link for this is below.



**JustGiving**

[Harewood Primary School St George's Crypt Advent Appeal](#)



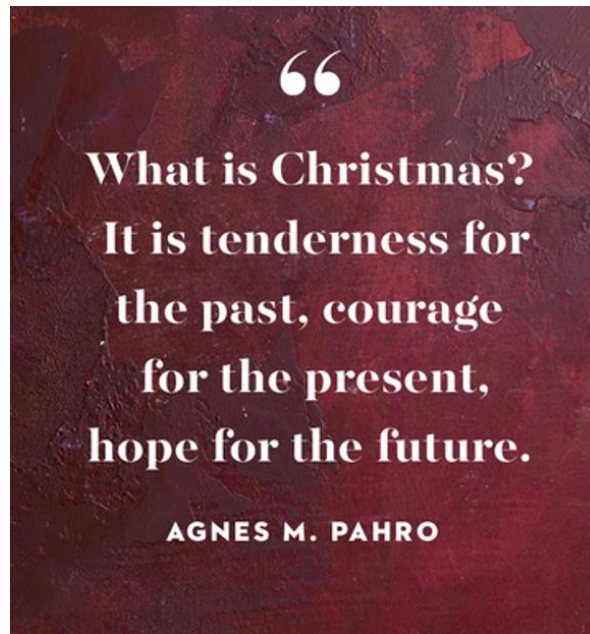
## St Gemma's Hospice Christmas Decorations

From Monday, our Church School Ambassadors will be selling knitted Christmas tree decorations in aid of St Gemma's Hospice. There are stockings, Santa hats, robins and Christmas puddings all with a chocolate inside. These will be on sale at £1 each.



## 'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

December 2022



## Music In Worship *Glory (Let There Be Peace)* - Matt Maher

This song, 'Glory' was written in 2016. It reflects on the chaos that must have surrounded the birth of Jesus, the uncomfortable journey to Bethlehem, having nowhere to stay, being born in a stable, the wise men and the shepherds travelling many miles to visit Jesus. We know it must have been scary for everyone involved because the Bible talks about the angels visiting people and telling them 'Don't be afraid'.

This song uses its lyrics to bring the simplicity out of all that chaos, one star, one child, one love;

*"One star burns in the darkness*

*One child born in the stillness*

*One love brings us together*

*Let there be peace, let there be peace."*

This week think about the one of the true messages of Christmas, love and about all the people around you who share your life. It is love which brings us all together, the love and comfort of our family or a shared love with our friends of something we enjoy doing. Try to think about the different love you share with different people in amongst all the chaos that surrounds us at this time of year.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QW4c6DcxgGc>



**Events and Dates for this term** – More details of each event will be in future newsletters or by separate communications.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 3 trip to Harewood House
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performances (9.30am and 2.00pm)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

