



14<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of St James,

We've had a very busy start to our Christmas term. We've had trips to Cadbury World, Holdenby House, visits from Pudsey bear, the RAF and Fire Service and have taken part in a Remembrance Service in school.

We are in the middle of Children in Need preparations this week – decorating the school with bunting and selling Pudsey ears and wristbands. Children and staff will be dressing up in spots on Friday. There will be our first cake raffle (proceeds for Children in Need) and some of our children are selling cakes and stationery at the end of the day. We hope to raise lots of money for this good cause and have fun at the same time.

Also on Friday is our online safety workshop for parents – we would strongly recommend you come along to this if you can, regardless of the age of your children, to find out more. Service Six are a professional, charitable organisation who specialise in supporting children and families. As well as delivering this parent workshop, Service Six will be running workshops for our Year 4, 5 and 6 classes over the next two Fridays. Check out <http://www.servicesix.co.uk> for more information.

## ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

**THIS FRIDAY – 9am in school**

**Do you know what your children are accessing on-line? Find out how to keep them safe at this workshop – delivered by professionals.**

**Tea and Coffee will be served**

As we approach the Christmas period, we have a number of activities coming up. See overleaf for details of our performances and craft day. We aim to make our activities inclusive for all children whilst celebrating our Christian ethos. If you have any concerns or questions about any of the activities, please contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Best Wishes,  
Sarah Beach

### WANTED – BAKERS

The Friends group are starting a weekly cake raffle – please complete the form and return to the school office if you would like to bake a cake to help.

**FOLLOW MRS BAGSHAW'S  
READING BLOG ON THE SCHOOL  
WEBSITE**

<http://www.stjames.northants.sch.uk/mrs-bagshaws-reading-blog/>

**CAN YOU ADD MORE REVIEWS?**

**CHRISTMAS / WINTER CRAFT DAY & PANTOMIME  
combined with  
SAVE THE CHILDREN 'CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY'**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

**Would you like to help in school on this day? We need volunteers to help in each of our classes as we make decorations to put up around the school and celebrate the start of the festive season. Wear your Christmas jumpers and raise money for Save the Children at the same time. Let Mrs Beach or Mrs Bilkhu know if you can come in to help.**

**PERFORMANCES THIS YEAR**

**This year, our early year's classes (Nursery and Reception) and our KS1 classes (Year 1 and Year 2) will be doing Nativity performances in school. Dates for these are below.  
Tickets will be out soon!**

**Our KS2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will be taking part in a Christingle Carol Service at St James Church on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm (to be confirmed with Father Phill).  
All parents and friends are invited.**

**Year 3, 4 & 5 will be doing a performance in school at Easter, and Year 6 will be doing a performance at the end of the summer term.**

**What's Coming Up / Dates for your diaries:**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Year 5 trip to the Space Centre.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** – On-line Safety workshop for parents & Year 4 children.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children in Need Day – dress up in spots!

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** – On-line Safety workshop Year 5 & 6 children.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Christmas/Winter Craft Day, Pantomime & Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Eucharist at 9:00am. All welcome.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – snack with a very special, seasonal visitor (KS1 and Early Years) till 5pm.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**– snack with a very special, seasonal visitor (KS1 and Early Years) till 5pm.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Reception and Nursery Nativity – morning and afternoon.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year1/2 Nativity Performance – 2pm and 6pm.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Party Day!

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – KS2 Christingle Service in Church (evening – time to be arranged).

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Church service at St James Church 2pm (parents invited and can take children from the service or pick up at 2:45pm from church).

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – School closes at 1:30pm for the Christmas Break.

**I would love to bake a cake for the cake raffle (please return to school)**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email / phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_