



DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Christmas Wishes

All our staff and Governors would like to wish parents, carers, students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Nativity

The KS1 Nativity is a ticketed event for KS1 parents. The dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday 7 th December	2pm – 3pm Year 1 parents
Wednesday 7 th December	6pm – 7pm Year 2 parents
Thursday 8 th December	9am – 10am Reception parents

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Just a reminder that the children will be having their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 14th December. This is a non-uniform day, however, children should not wear fancy dress costumes.

Christmas Carol Concert

KS2 will be holding their Christmas Carol Concert at St Saviours Church on the last day of term - Friday 16th December at 2pm. Please note: this event is for KS2 parents only.

Parent views

We have introduced feedback postcards on which you can write feedback to staff or the school, positive or constructive with any suggestions you may have. You can pick one up from your child's class teacher or the office. Once you have written your postcard, please return it to the school office for Mrs Hutchinson's attention. If you put your name on it and have a suggestion we will get back in touch with you to discuss your ideas.

We are also in discussion with our website designers to make our website user friendly and accessible. In January we will be putting a survey on the website to collect parent views and suggestions on improving the school website. Please respond as your views and suggestions are very important to us. More information will be sent out in January.

Anti Bullying Parent forum

As leaders and governors of the school we want to work with parents to help us to review our school Anti-Bullying policy and also help school write a guide for parents about bullying. We are asking parents to join us for a workshop on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.00pm in school. Please let the school office know if you can attend.

Punctuality

This is a polite reminder that school starts at 8.45am and children need to be in the playground by this time in order to line up with their class and enter through the correct door. The classroom doors will be closed promptly and if you are late you will need to enter school at the main entrance. Each child will begin working as soon as they enter the classroom completing morning jobs, usually literacy or numeracy based, and so it is important that they do not miss any of their learning. Please approach a member of staff if you wish to discuss this further.

Christmas Activities in the Village

St Saviours

10th December - Turkey and Tinsel Coffee morning

Christmas Coffee morning in the Family Room at St Saviours' with turkey rolls, mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee, grand raffle, Christmas hamper and other prizes and Lucky Dip. 10.00 to 2.00pm. Church also open for quiet time.

11th December – Nativity and Toy service at St Saviours' from 11.15 to 12.15. Come and worship at the Christmas Family Service. Bring a good condition or preferably new toy to donate for poor children (unwrapped). Young children are invited to come dressed as Nativity characters. We can supply improvised outfits if you don't have anything suitable. All the children will become involved in the Nativity Play. (and probably some adults!) Come and join the fun!

11th December – Traditional candle lit Carol Service at 6.30pm featuring the joint choir from St Matthews and St Saviours'. We sing carols and hear the Christmas story. Seasonal refreshments afterwards. Collection for the work of 'Inn Churches' providing accommodation for homeless people over the winter – specifically supporting the project at St Matthews Wilsden providing dinner bed and breakfast for the week straight after Christmas.

Christmas Eve – The Christingle Service at 4.00pm, a favourite with the children! Christingles provided for all the children. Collection for the Children's Society working with youth and children in Keighley.

Christmas Eve – Midnight Communion begins at 11.30pm, everyone is welcome as we celebrate Jesus birth together. THE way to begin Christmas!

Harden Congregational Church

Sunday 11th December at 10.30

"Countryfile – Galilean Special" Worship Plus with Robert Waddington

Sunday 18th December at 10.30am*

"Still open all hours" Carol service with nativity

Christmas Eve at 6pm*

"Slow train to Bethlehem"

Christmas Day at 11am*

"Strictly Come Worshipping" With Robert Waddington

(Collections at these services are in support of The Immanuel Project serving the homeless and vulnerable of Bradford and The Salvation Army)*

PTFA

Christmas Fair

Vicky Foster and school would like to thank everyone that helped and supported the Christmas Fair, it was a huge success and the takings on the day were £1,300.00 which we are hoping will increase with the raffle ticket sales.

Raffle tickets

Please remember to hand your raffle ticket stubs and money into school by Wednesday 7th December. If you have any unsold tickets, please return these too.

KS2 New Playground Equipment

Exciting news! Work has started on the new structure, which is being built in the lower playground near the Sunny Mount entrance. Thank you to all who have supported our events over the last few years, which has made this project possible.

Dates for your diary

7 th December	Nativity – 2pm – 3pm Year 1 Parents
7 th December	Nativity – 6pm – 7pm Year 2 Parents
8 th December	Nativity – 9am – 10am Reception Parents
13 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
14 th December	Year 1 Parents Event
14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
15 th December	KS1 Christmas Party
16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St Saviours Church at 2pm for KS2 parents
16th December	Break up
4th January	School Re-opens