

28<sup>th</sup> November 2014



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we are fast approaching the beginning of December I would like to inform you of our arrangements for our Christmas celebrations this year. As a school with a strong Christian tradition we will be preparing for Christmas by observing the season of **Advent**.

This begins on the first of December and ends on Christmas Eve. Many Christian churches light a candle on a special wreath on each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day. In our school the KS2 children will come straight into the Junior Hall at 8:50am and we will then have a daily assembly from 9:00 am to 9:10 am. Parents are very welcome to attend these assemblies from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December and join us in preparing for the coming of the big day.

I would like to request that parents do not bring small children to these assemblies as babies and toddlers (those who are wide awake) can often be an unnecessary distraction to what we are trying to achieve.

May I remind you that every parent has the right to withdraw their child from our religious assemblies or indeed any of our other religious activities which you can do by informing the school office or Mr McDowell in writing. Alternative arrangements will be made for those children not taking part.

## Thankyou

I would just like to thank you for the wonderful support you have given school led activities since the beginning of September. So far with your help we have:

- ☺ **Supported Wood Street Mission with Harvest Gifts**
- ☺ **Children in Need £697.98**
- ☺ **Supported the British Legion Poppy Appeal**
- ☺ **Bearly Loved £1085.61**

May I also thank you in advance for your support of 'Shelter' which is our preferred charity for the Christmas period. We will be collecting donations at all of our performances, the staff will be donating money which otherwise would have been spent on sending Christmas cards within school, to this worthy cause which helps vulnerable families in this country.

Christmas Cards – As a school we do not allow our children to participate in this practice. We would much rather families save the money and effort to give to those in need around them or to give the money to our preferred charity 'Shelter'.

Yours sincerely,

P. McDowell  
Headteacher