



December 2018

## ADVENT



Advent begins on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and ends on 24<sup>th</sup> December.

Advent is a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of

Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming"

## The Advent Wreath

The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches laid flat to symbolise eternal life. **Four candles** stand in the circle and each one represents one of the **four** Sundays of **Advent**.

1 Pink - Joy

3 Purple - Hope, Love & Peace :

In the centre of the circle is a fifth **candle** (traditionally white), the **Christ Candle**, which is lit on Christmas Day.



## PARKING:



The yellow zig-zag signs have now been re-painted – please ensure that you do not park on the lines (which are now clearly visible) as you may therefore be liable to prosecution.

While it may be well known that **you** can't **park** on yellow **zig-zag lines**, **you** also can't **wait or even stop momentarily to drop off or pick up passengers**, according to the UK Highway Code.

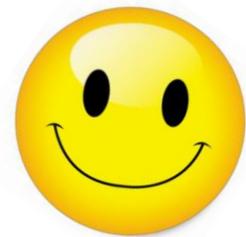
## IDLING ENGINES – Health and Wellbeing

The Highway Code states: 'You **must not** leave a parked **vehicle** unattended with the **engine running** or leave a **vehicle engine running** unnecessarily while that **vehicle** is stationary on a public road'

**Please turn your engine off whilst waiting outside school – the fumes are harmful to children.**

## BOOK FAIR

Thank you to those parents who were able to visit the Book Fair – total sales came to a fabulous amount of £546.90 which meant we could take books to the value of £267.54 in commission.

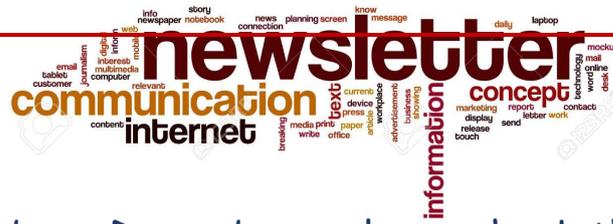


### Parents' Course

Unfortunately, JM Education, who were running the course, have cancelled all sessions.

We apologise to our parents for any inconvenience and/or disappointment this has caused.





We have a very busy December - please check the diary dates below so you don't miss out!



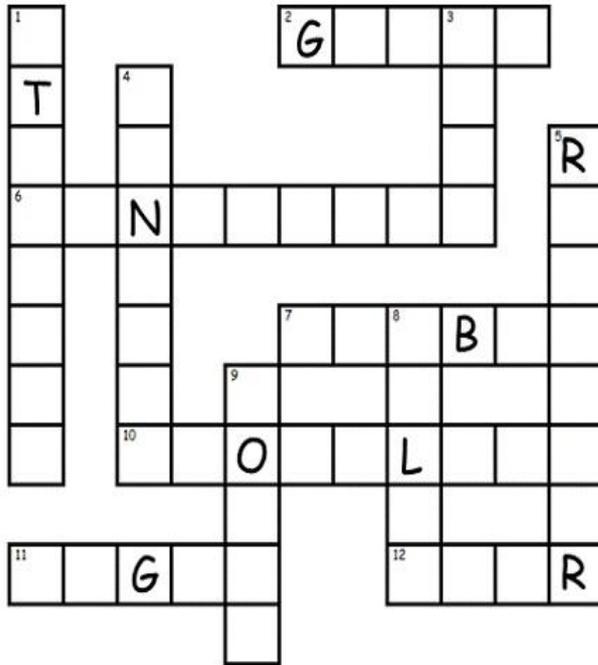
DECEMBER		
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Art Exhibition of children's work at 3:00 p.m Crib, Christmas Tree and Class decorations
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Nativity
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Whole-school library visit
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	1:45 p.m. KS1 Nativity
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Coverdale Puppets in school
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Service at Cathedral – this year's Communicants and Rosary Group will attend
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance & Behaviour Rewards
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day – pay £1
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Grotto
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day for clubs and teams</b>
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Year4/Year 5 Music Concert Draw for Luxury Hamper will take place
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Own clothes & Party Day
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	End of term - School closes at 1:15 p.m.

Staff would like to wish all of our families a Very  
Happy, Peaceful and Joyous Christmas and New Year.

We will see you all on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.**

# PUZZLE CORNER

## 'Tis the Season



### Across



### Down



## And finally ...

**Q:**

What can you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

**A:** Tinselitus



**Q:**

What colour Christmas candle burns longer, a red candle or a green candle?

**A:**

Neither – candles always burn shorter.

**Q:**

Where do you find reindeer?

**A:**

Where you left them

## Riddle:

What do you call a dancing elf wearing ear-muffs?

## Answer

Anything you like, he won't hear you!