# Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers Friday 9 December



### **Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support**

Faith:

**Advent** 



This third week of Advent focuses on the theme of **JOY** - the joy that Christ's birth brings to all people. In the Church, we name the third Sunday of Advent "Gaudete Sunday" or "Joyful Sunday" to remind us that the wait to meet our Saviour is almost at an end. We light the third candle, the "Shepherd's Candle". This is pink, the liturgical colour for joy.

#### **Trust Carol Service**

We are exceptionally proud of the students involved in yesterday's first ever Trust Carol Service. Our students were delightful and the service was beautiful. Many thanks to all involved.

### Learning:

#### Students of the Week

This week, our amazing winners are:

Headteacher's Award: Zara Wisniewska 7A1

Tutor Group of the Week: 7A1

Aidan: Maeve Taggart 8A1 and Abbie Thompson 10A1 Bede: Chloe Spottiswood 10B1 and Jakob Foster 8B2 Cuthbert: Lewis Caine 7C1 and Amelia Lucas 10C2 Hilda: Joshua Burnett 8H1 and Nadine Barley 11H1

Margaret Clitherow: Mya Shearer 7MC1 and Millie Sweeting 9MC1

Congratulations - we're all very proud of you.

### **Advent Wreath Making**

Several of our students, parents and members of staff have enjoyed learning the skill of Advent wreath making. The wreaths looked absolutely amazing and a wonderfully festive experience was enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Miss Marshall for coordinating this.







### **Support:**

### Norah's North Pole

Following the success of our prize draw to help the Ukrainian Children's Christmas Appeal, we would like to offer the opportunity for our school community to support our local area this Christmas too. Again, the prize is football memorabilia signed by England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford - this time his boots (personalised with England flags). This is not a school raffle but it is being held by a worthy organisation that has our backing.

Please follow the link to purchase tickets:

https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=13201

# Raffle

# PRIZE- ENGLAND PLAYER JORDAN PICKFORD'S SIGNED FOOTBALL BOOTS



Jordan Pickford's signed football boots

Norah's North Pole was set up in memory of a Grandma who lived by the motto "It's nice to be nice". We have a pair of Jordan Pickford's signed football boots which were worn in an England match. Tickets are £2 each. All monies raised will go to Norah's North Pole, who are a North East based family who collect toy donations and pack Santa sacks for those children in the North East who would otherwise not receive a single present on Christmas morning.



## RAFFLE OPEN NOW DEADLINE FOR TICKET SALES

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER
RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON THIS DAY

Follow the link attached to purchase tickets

### **Holidays Activities and Food Programme**

Please see the fliers below. Free places are available for children and young people aged between 5-16 (parents must stay with the children under the age of 8) who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals or from a family experiencing financial hardship. A place must be booked prior to attending. The activities will be at Chuter Ede Community Association, Galsworthy Road, South Shields and are on 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 8th January. All sessions are 10.00 – 3.00 pm, a free lunch will be provided. Activities offered are various sports, arts & crafts and board games. You must book a place before attending, please don't show up without booking. To book a place please contact Angela Dunn at BLISS=Ability on 0191 4271666.



### Key dates / upcoming events

- St Wilfrid's Christmas Concert Tuesday 13 December 6pm
- End of term Friday 23 December 12.10pm



### Sixth Form

A reminder that applications are open for our sixth form.

To apply to join our Sixth Form in September 2023, please complete the online application form: Applying for Sixth Form - St. Wilfrid's R.C. College (st-wilfrids.org)

#### **Mock United Nations Conference**

We are delighted that 15 of our Sixth Form students have begun their preparation for taking part in a mock United Nations conference. This involves debating a current topical, global issue in response to the The COP27 climate change summit in Egypt that happened in November 2022. Our students will represent a country and they will be debating the global issue with other students from schools around the world.

We wish them the very best of luck!