



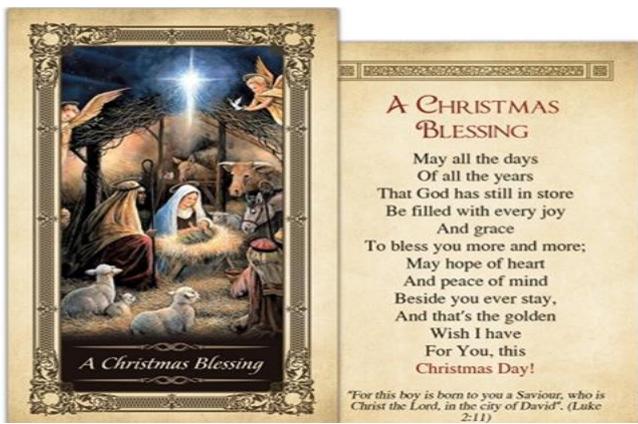
Dear Parents

21 December 2016

We have had many wonderful events in school to the lead up to Christmas. We are delighted to share our news.

Thought for the week

As we enter the season of advent, it is always good to spend a few extra moments in prayer.



Highlights

Our Christmas nativity plays have helped the children in pre-school and nursery begin to learn the story of Jesus' birth.



In Reception and KS1 the children learnt more of the story in their story Bethlehem's Buzzing.

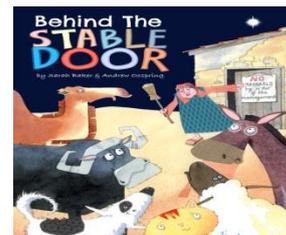


Dates for your diaries !

January

- 3 **INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 4 **CITIZENSHIP WEEK 1**
Children return
NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
- 5 Mass-9.00 - Yr 6
- 6 Whole school mass (Yrs 1-6)-9.15am - Convent
- 9 **CITIZENSHIP WEEK 2**
- 11 KS1 SATS meeting - 2.00pm
KS2 SATS meeting - 6.00pm
- 12 Mass-9.00 - Yr 6
- 13 Assembly - 9.00 - RY
Educational visit - Yr 6 - House of Parliament
Deadline for the receipt of paper applications for Reception 2017
Next newsletter

For Year 3 and 4 the children thought about Christmas from a different point of view in Behind the Stable Door.



Finally in Year 5 and 6 the children were able to consider those less fortunate than themselves, and to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.



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Pre-school enjoyed a visit to Santa's Grotto.



Father Christmas has visited and the children enjoyed their Christmas parties.



Nursery went to see a traditional Christmas pantomime.



Years 4 and 5 have been able to visit the British Library to look at maps.



The children enjoyed the Christmas disco and we raised over £700 for school funds. Thank you for your support.

Our choir have been asked to sing at Westfield and at Stratford. They raised an amazing £1010.00 for HCPT (Hosanna House and Children Pilgrimage Trust).



Staff News



We say goodbye to Miss Assefa and thank her for ten years of service to the children at St Helen's.

Thank you

Thank you again for your great generosity with gifts and cards. We truly appreciate the wonderful support of all our parents.

We wish you peace and joy of Christmas now and in 2017.



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