



Gold Class  
St Anne's Royton

Autumn 2 Term  
Week 5  
7<sup>th</sup> December

# Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This week we have started our Christmas activities. We have shared the story of the first Christmas (the birth of Jesus) and talked about it being a very special time for Christians. The children have read about Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, and Mary giving birth to baby Jesus in a stable. We learned about the shepherds and the Three Wise Men who went to visit the new baby.

We have set up our Santa's grotto and the children have been wrapping presents using measuring skills and scissors to cut the tape, dressing up as elves, and role playing being Father Christmas. We have been continuing our work on repeating patterns using wintery objects, for example, snowman, holly, snowman, holly etc.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: We will be filming the Christmas Sing-a-long on this morning and will be opening the doors early in order to get the children dressed. If you can bring your child early on this day (8.40am), please do so.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas jumper day in aid of charity.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long at 10.30 in the school hall. It will last for approximately 20 minutes and will be followed by drinks and mince pies in the Nursery classroom. Please come along to join us!

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas party day. Children may wear non-uniform, with sensible shoes and coat. We will be leaving a list for party food donations in the cloakroom, so please sign up!

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December: The Christmas Service will be at 9am in the church, everyone is invited to join us.

## **Homework**

Please share the story of the First Christmas with your child. Talk about this being an important time for Christians, and lots of people join in the traditional celebrations. The following link is good for younger children:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=zl2HVhwqnMs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zl2HVhwqnMs)

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please feel free to come and talk to us. If you would prefer to talk in private, please let us know and we will arrange a convenient time.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Russell.