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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the start of Advent approaches we are beginning to prepare in school for the birth of Jesus Christ, our saviour. Sadly, as churches are currently closed for Masses there won't be a chance for us to celebrate the start of Advent there - but we will be doing lots of celebrating in school and invite you to join our recorded streams on YouTube or through our seesaw app. Please see below for all the work, reflection and fun that is happening in school.

Christmas raffle - non uniform day

Next Friday 27th November is a non-uniform day for our school raffle. Please donate a bottle, chocolate or send a donation towards our school fund. Thank you in advance.

Christmas lunch

All children have the chance to have a Christmas lunch on either Tuesday 8th December for y6, y5, y4 and y3/4 or on Thursday 10th December for Reception, Y1, Y2 and y2/3 - all monies should be sent to the school office. Children can wear Christmas jumpers/tops on that day.

Christmas celebrations for parents to view

Due to Covid19 restrictions each class will be creating a short Christmas performance for parents to watch. These will be recorded in class and put on to our Seesaw app to view. Links will be sent to parents and carers via School Cal or the app.

Christingle service

Our annual Christingle service will again take place under COVID restrictions. We will record it and send via school Cal/ Seesaw so that you can join in from home.

Christmas mission

Throughout advent we are collecting toiletries and small gifts for the elderly. Y6 leaders will be making up boxes to send to those who may be lonely over the festive period. If you can send anything in, we would be very grateful. Some boxes will go to the Queens Meadow nursing home nearby.

Christmas parties

These will take place within bubbles/classes. Children can wear party clothes but please ensure they are suitable for playtimes/lunchtime breaks outside.

Monday 14th December - Nursery and reception classes (not together) Mrs Mudd, Mrs Gilbraith

Tuesday 15th December - Mr Tennant and Miss McDonald (not together)

Wednesday 16th December - Y6, Y2, Y1 - Mrs Doyle, Mrs Flounders, Miss Swain/Miss Conlin.
(separately in bubbles)

Thursday 17th December - Miss Grylls and Mrs Colley (not together)

Thank you for poppy appeal

We raised £130 which has been sent to the Royal British legion - thank you very much ☺

Thank you from Hartlepool food bank

Well done for donating food items over the harvest period. 617 meals were produced with the bags we sent. The foodbank have sent a special thank you. Well done St Cuthberts.

Rising rates in Hartlepool - please follow the rules

The NHS pillar 1 & 2 combined cases for the 7 day period up to 15th November show Hartlepool has the 2nd highest rate in the country, 497.5 per 100,000, across the same time period we have the 6th highest rate of testing in the country. On the PHE figure for cases for the 7 days up to 17th, Hartlepool are 5th highest, with a rate of 581.9 per 100,000.

Please continue to do your part to bring these rates down, households should not be mixing.

Positive cases of Covid19 (over a weekend)

If you need to inform school of confirmed cases of Covid19 over the weekend then please ring **07563815403** and your call will be returned as quickly as possible. Alternatively, you can email headteacher@stcuthbertsschool.org.uk. During school hours please contact the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this difficult year and a **huge thank you** to our children who are a delight. It is a privilege to work with them each day and we feel blessed that schools remain open.

Kind regards and God bless,

Mrs Joanne Wilson

Headteacher