



The Academy at
St James
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this e-mail finds you well- it has been a wonderful term and we have really appreciated all your help and support. As we approach the festive season and the time when Advent begins we have put together a programme of events to support your children and provide some amazing experiences. As we are not allowed to have our Christmas Extravaganza this year we are still have some visitors and doing the best we can to provide a nurturing and happy time for you and your children.

What will happen with Christmas cards:

Due to Coronavirus, any Christmas cards must be in school by Wednesday 9th December and we will keep them and quarantine them until Wednesday 16th. We can then then distribute these cards to children around the school.

How are we working with Thornton Church

We have organised for year group bubbles to visit the church on Monday 14th December. The times for this are overleaf. We have worked with the church to ensure that class bubbles will sit separately and walk up to church separately too.

We are also lucky to have the church donating a Christmas Tree to school and they will provide free Christmas Activity packs to go home over the holidays.

Rooted In are also supporting us and providing blank Christmas cards which we can use and send to the elderly to support them at this very difficult time of year.

Classroom Songs:

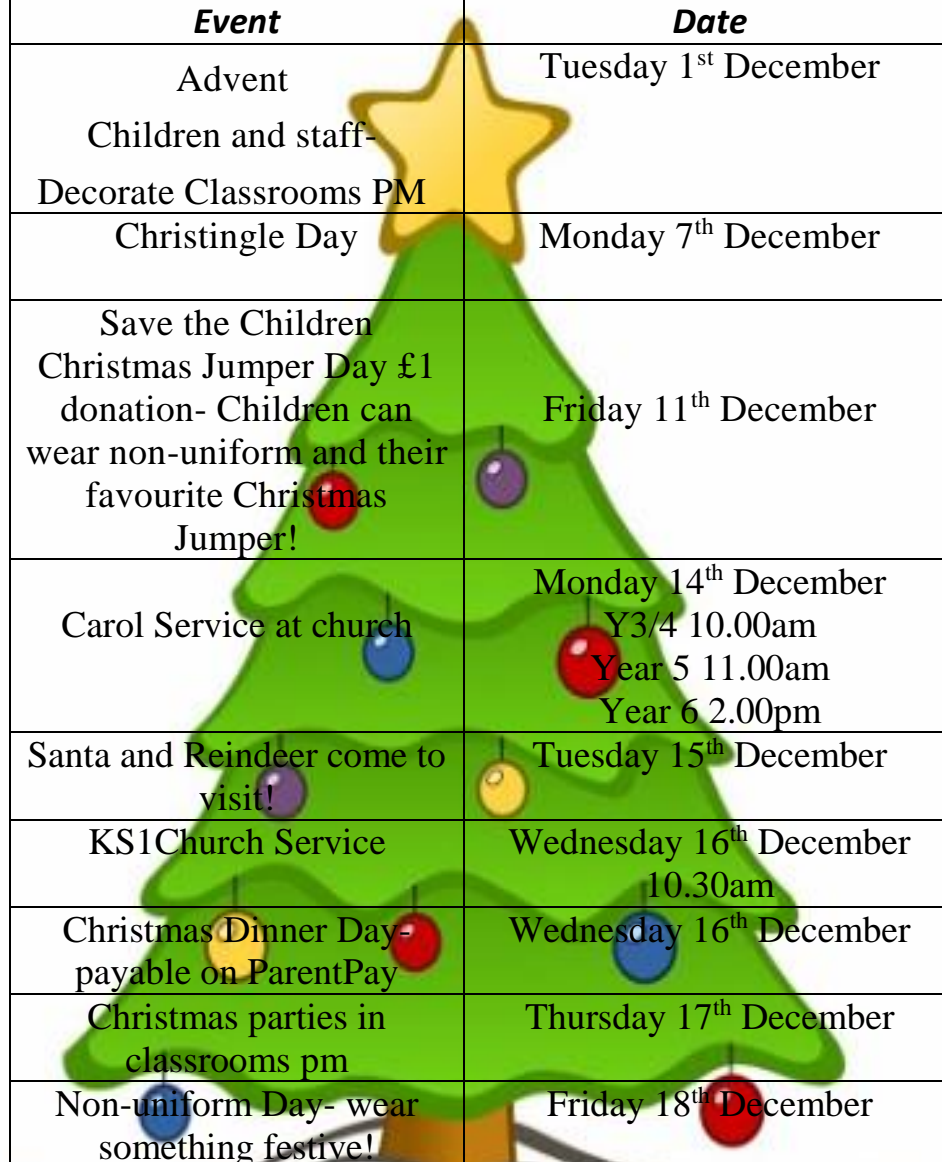
Each class will be singing and recording a song in their own bubble. This will then go onto a CD which we will be available to buy so you can listen at home. It is a lovely enterprise project but also a way to capture the importance of community at this time for year

Overleaf you will find a list of dates of upcoming events.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful weekend and that you join us in our celebration and reflection time during this Advent period.

Thank you

Mr Tolson



<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Advent Children and staff- Decorate Classrooms PM	Tuesday 1 st December
Christingle Day	Monday 7 th December
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation- Children can wear non-uniform and their favourite Christmas Jumper!	Friday 11 th December
Carol Service at church	Monday 14 th December Y3/4 10.00am Year 5 11.00am Year 6 2.00pm
Santa and Reindeer come to visit!	Tuesday 15 th December
KS1 Church Service	Wednesday 16 th December 10.30am
Christmas Dinner Day- payable on ParentPay	Wednesday 16 th December
Christmas parties in classrooms pm	Thursday 17 th December
Non-uniform Day- wear something festive!	Friday 18 th December