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Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021



### Christmas Events December 2021

Advent is the period leading up to Christmas. This year it starts on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of November and ends on the fourth Sunday before the 25<sup>th</sup> December. The word 'Advent' means 'coming'. For Christians, it is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. This year we are planning to celebrate Advent and Christmas in school and online following COVID-19 guidelines.

Children across school have been busy learning their lines, Christmas songs and dances for our Whole School Christmas Video called 'Refuge' based on the story by Anne Booth and Sam Usher. The video will be made available for you to watch online from **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

You may already be aware of the Christmas Lunch on the **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Children and adults are welcome to come dressed in their festive attire and Christmas jumpers! Please book your child's lunch via the School Spider App. We will also be having a selection box raffle on this day raising money for school funds. School staff have kindly donated chocolate selection boxes for a EYC, KS1 and KS2 raffle. We will be selling raffle tickets for 20p per ticket from **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

Our charity focus this year will be supporting those who may feel lonely during this time and those that are less fortunate than ourselves. The school would be very grateful if your child could bring dried food items e.g. pasta, rice and tinned items including tuna, tinned tomatoes, to contribute to the school's donation throughout December. This year the charities who will receive food gift parcels are 'Blackburn Food Bank' and 'Nightsafe', which is a vital support to people who are particularly vulnerable at this time of year.

Thank you for your continued support this term.

Yours sincerely

Mr D. Stitcher  
Headteacher