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Advent

Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to November 30th, St Andrew's day, a saint renowned for his selflessness.

In the ideal of Christmas the answer to the deepest longings of the human heart can be found. To receive lovingly the apple, the symbol of the fall of Paradise, to carry it willingly along life's path, to enable the bright fire of the spirit to rise out of it and gradually lighten the path for others- this is the reality of the Advent deed. Those who are closer to the mystery of birth- the young children-understand this without effort.

It is not unusual for the adults to experience times of struggle and isolation during Advent. Then we appreciate the children's facility for confident anticipation, their innate trust in life, and are invariably strengthened by it.

When all the candles on the wreath are lit, when all the pictures on the calendar finally form a whole, all these moments reinforce our children's inner expectation that life has order and harmony, that life is *good*.

Marie-Reine (with help from 'All year round')

Advent in School

- *Advent Garden*

We warmly invite all families to our Advent Spiral at the school. It will start at **3pm Sunday 29th November** for young and older children all together for the first time, since a very long time... **It is important to arrive in good time** and to keep a mood of quiet expectation in the foyer beforehand.

Please let class teachers know if you will be coming. Schoolchildren will sit with their classes.

- *Advent singing*

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of the Advent weeks we will gather in the foyer at 8.30am

to sing a few carols together. All parents are warmly welcome!

- *Advent Fridays*

As well as singing on Fridays at 8.30, the classes will also show some eurythmy.

On *the last day* – after a healthy Blitz Clean – exercise! – We will meet at 11.45 to sing out the term.

Gabriella

SAFER CAR PARKING AND SAFER CAR PARK

Please would you help us to keep children safe by using the bottom car park for dropping and picking up children, even if you are late. The top car park is for teachers.

Also please reverse slowly into the bottom car park and try not to park on the road opposite the car park by the fence. If you have to park there, please come onto the car park to walk your child over the road. Your child should walk straight down to the car park on the path, not through Amber garden and should wait behind the fence. The waiting behind the fence is particularly important.

Cycling is not allowed on the path or car park. Children are encouraged to walk to lunch on the paths and look carefully before cycling out of the car park. It is a mistake to think that roads in Botton are quiet, and 12.15 is a particularly busy time. Please would you help the teachers on duty by staying with any young children who are waiting for school children and see that they are not running around on the car park? Finally, please never leave a child alone in a vehicle on either of the school car parks.

Thank you very much for helping with all this.
Mary (for the teachers)

Final reminders from Advent Fair Group

- ❖ The underlined person on the rota should organise their 'team', and times, but if you haven't already heard from them – please help by contacting them.
- ❖ Have you put up your posters? Have you told friends and family about our fair?
- ❖ Cakes and other offerings for the café could be brought on the day of the fair, or be left in the school kitchen on Friday or Saturday if they are properly covered.
- ❖ ALL HOME PRODUCE, TOMBOLA ITEMS, CRAFTS & 2ND HAND BOOKS need to be at the school for setting up Friday afternoon and Saturday. So please bring them in FRIDAY 4TH OR BEFORE.
- ❖ We would like to decorate between the two buildings with outside lights. Does anyone have any we could borrow?

Thank you!

Carolyn, for the Advent Fair Group

One World stall	School children
Willow stars/other activity	<u>Diane</u> , Victoria Stevens, Kate, Diana Alecu, Cathy Thompson
Waffles	Some children of Class 7-8 <u>Valeska</u> , Margaret
Raffle/school information	<u>Mary</u> , Michael Drake, Carolyn
Tombola	<u>Anthea</u> , Nigel, class 5-6
Tidying up team	Ben Davis, Bogdan, Lee, Mick, Michael Alecu and as many volunteers as possible, the more the merrier
Puppet show	Christine, Barbro
Music, choir	Marc and Rebecca Gross

Friday Setting up	Teachers and class 7/8
Saturday (5.12.09) Preparation group	Birgit, Carolyn, Valeska, Daniella, Diana Alecu
Candle dipping	<u>Mark Ellis & Nick John</u> , Lisa Dixon, Stefan Tyrka
2 nd hand books	<u>Peter Ramsbotham</u> , Gabriella, Jem
Gnome garden	<u>Mark Barber & Tracey Corfield</u> , Carol, Jude, Geetha, Nikki, Victoria Murray, Diana A.
Craft stall/ Home produce	<u>Birgit & Fiona</u> , Julie Tyrka, Kathryn Shaw
Café	<u>Stacey</u> , Liz, Angelica, Sarah, Louise, Nessy, Yoko, Kari, Julie Easley, Julia Scott, class 7-8
Café till	<u>John Darrel</u> , Shani
Treasure Hunt	<u>Daniella</u> , school children

The underlined person is the contact person for the stall and should please organise their team & times. Thanks a lot.

There will be about 6 outside stalls
 Soap stall (Milo), barefoot books etc (Rebecca Wright), Botton bookshop (Wain), wool vests, hand spun wool (Phillipa), Traidcraft (Pam) and Chilly Willy Vests (Sue).

Change Email Address

Please amend your contact lists to insert '2' before '@' in Nick John's email address. Sorry about the error.

Michael

CALENDAR

Eurythmy class for adults: Thursdays 8.45am
School Hall.

Parents – take a break! Venue: Coffee Bar, Time:
9am – 11am, Friday mornings, weekly

Parents' Evenings:

Class 7/8 Tuesday 8th December 7.30pm – 9.00pm
This is a chance to individually meet with subject teachers.

Class 5/6
2nd March and 20th April at 7.30pm

Letter Inserting: Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
Monday, 19, 20, 21, 23 November

Advent Garden: Sunday 29th December 3pm - at
the school for all (Please arrive in good time)

Advent Fair: 6th December

Shepherds' play: Thursday 17th December 2pm and
7pm. All parents and friends welcome. **Please sit
with your children if they are below class 7/8 age.**

Blitz clean: Friday 18th December, morning – any
time between carol-singing times

Eskdale Trust Council: Tuesdays at 20.00:
1 December, 9 March, 4 May, 22 June

Anthroposophical Group: Fridays at 20.00 Dec
11th, Jan 15th, Feb 12th, Mar 12th, Apr 23rd, May 21st,
June 18th- see Mary for details.

Next Copy date: 3.12.2009

Please send handwritten articles to Marie-Reine
Adams or to the school, and you can also email
articles from the website or from the address at the
top of the Courier.

Lee and Marie-Reine