**St. Thomas’ C.E. Primary School**

**Newsletter**

9.12.22

**Events for the Week**

**Beginning 12.12.22**

**Monday**

Ruby and Amethyst Christmas Party

Ukulele lessons

Choir after school

**Tuesday**

Keyboard, strings and woodwind lessons

Opal and Emerald Christmas Party

After school multi skills for Y1, 2 and 3 (4.00pm finish)

**Wednesday**

Sapphire Christmas Party

Guitar lessons

After school multi skills for Y4, 5 and 6 (4.15pm finish)

**Thursday**

Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and Reindeer Dash for Springhill Hospice

**Friday**

Nativity Service in church at 1.30pm (information below)

**A note on worship…**



Advent

The calendar year starts on January 1st, but the for the Church, its new year starts on Advent Sunday. Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means ‘coming’ and it’s the time when the Church prepares for the coming of Jesus, celebrated at Christmas.

We started Advent at school by listening to the story of how an ordinary girl was visited by Angel Gabriel and given the news that she would give birth to God’s son, Jesus.

**Nativity Service**

On Friday 16th December we will be holding our annual Nativity service in church.

This is a beautiful service led by Sapphire Class. During this service, children from Amethyst class will act out the story of the Nativity, whilst Sapphire class narrate the story.

All are welcome to join us at this special service. We aim to start at 1.30pm.

**Parent’s Association Christmas Events**



The Christmas raffle raised a huge £724 Thank you to everyone that entered.

Well done to those that won a hamper.

**Christingle Service**



On Sunday, St. Thomas’ church will be holding a Christingle service at 3.00pm. Christingle services happen all over the country as a way of fundraising for the Children’s Society whilst reflecting on the hope that Jesus brings.

Today the eldest child form each family will take home a Christingle candle collection box. The idea is that you put loose change in the candle and take it to the Christingle service on Sunday. Everyone attending the service will receive a Christingle.

**From the office…**

Please make sure that all outstanding music lessons for this term are paid. Thank you.

**Christmas Parties**



Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party. The parties take place during the school day and children can be collected at 3.15pm as normal.

Amethyst and Ruby Classes have their party on Monday.

Opal and Emerald Classes have their party on Tuesday.

Sapphire Class has their party on Wednesday.