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ST MARY & ST THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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14th December 2018

## Keystage 2 Carol Service

The children from Keystage 2 will be hosting their Carol Service in Church on Tuesday 18th December at 2 p.m. and again on Thursday 20th December at 10.30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

## Christmas Mass

All of the children in school will be attending the Christmas Mass on Friday 21st December at 9.15 a.m. in Church. All are welcome to attend.



## Christmas jumper day

On Friday 21st December children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper of their choice.



## Facebook & Whatsapp Group

It has come to our attention, that a number of parents of children in upper keystone 2 have expressed their dissatisfaction at not having a Christmas 'play' this year for keystone 2 children! Negative comments about the lack of a Christmas play and organising a carol service have been posted on Facebook and Whatsapp. Could we please ask parents, that if they have any concerns about any aspects of school, that they approach the school office to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff. Very often comments are made on Facebook without knowing or understanding the whole facts. Children in Year 6 will be leading the service through readings and building the Tableau Scene. Later in the year, Year 6 will be taking part in a performance which all the parents will be invited to.

## Early Notification of Important dates for your diary for 2019

28th/29th Jan	Year 5 residential at Allensford Youth Village
1st Mar	Year 6 visiting St Thomas More - Challenge morning
24th Mar	Year 5 attending 'Big Sing' at St Thomas More
13th - 17th May	Keystage 2 Sats Week
6th June	Year 6 visiting St Thomas More - Challenge Morning
14th June	Year 6 at Gibside
15th June	First Holy Communion Day
17th - 21st June	Year 6 residential on Holy Island
24th June	Year 6 at YMT festival
25/26/27 June	Year 6 at Newburn Activity Centre
11th/12 July	Year 6 performance supported by Keystage children
10th July	Year 6 leavers Mass with other Year 6 children across Gateshead
17th July	Year 6 leavers Liturgy
19th July	School closes for summer holidays

## Christmas Parties

18th December - Reception & Keystage1 Children  
Children are encouraged to come to school on the morning dressed in their party clothes  
19th December - Nursery Party Day  
20th December - Keystage 2 Party afternoon



## Christmas Pantomime - Wednesday 19th December

The children from Years 1 to 6 will be attending the Pantomime at Gateshead Stadium. This years show is Aladdin. As we will be leaving approximately 11.45 a.m to travel to Gateshead the children will need to bring a packed lunch into school on this day as they will have to have their lunch before they go. All children in Years 1 and 2, and those who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

We have been informed that the show finishes at 3.45 p.m. so we estimate the children should arrive back at approx. 4.30 p.m. depending on traffic. We will keep you informed via eschools text messages.

## Easyfundraising update

We would like to thank everyone who has signed up to easyfundraising to support our school. Since we asked for your help a few weeks ago 30 supporters have signed up and we will receive £6.89. Thank you to our top three donators who are:

Chris T  
Leanne M  
Theresa C



Just imagine if we increased the number of supporters ten-fold to 300 that might give us a ten-fold increase of £68.90 in just a few weeks.

So please consider signing up to easyfundraising for us by logging on to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stthomasaquinasps/>

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