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Dear Parents,

### Christmas at St Charles!

Christmas preparations are well underway at St Charles. Children in Classes 1 and 2 have started rehearsing for their nativity play – 'Away in a Manger' which will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at school. Classes 3, 4 and 5 are practising for our Carol Service which takes place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Ashby at 6.00pm. Please can you return the reply slip to confirm your child will be attending.

### Christmas Lunch

Numbers need to be in on Monday for the Christmas lunch so the turkey can be ordered. If you wish your child to have the Christmas meal on 18<sup>th</sup> December can you please tick your child's choice on the festive menu sheet attached to last week's newsletter and return Monday morning. Thank you.

### Times-Table Rockstars

It is really important for children to be practising times tables every day as this helps children in so many different areas of maths. Your child can practise these, at speed, using TT Rockstars – every child has a log in for this, if your child is unsure please speak to their class teacher. Well done to these children for making it on to our leaderboard.

Class	Name	Correct Answers <i>(in last 7 days)</i>	Accuracy
2	Lilly-Rose Holley	130	86%
3	Charlie Nash	218	71%
4	Niamh Rutledge	168	97%
5	Annabelle Dann	1399	95%

Annabelle Dann got an amazing 1399 correct answers in the last week – Wow! Well done to Niamh Rutledge who achieved a top speed of 1.41 seconds and Edward Smith who also achieved a top speed of 1.78 seconds. Can anyone beat these next week? We are currently 6<sup>th</sup> on the leader board out of 10 local primary schools – let's see if we can get near to the top!

### St Andrew's Day

Children in St Andrew's House can come dressed in blue on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** to celebrate St Andrew's day.

### Flu Immunisation

The Flu immunisation has been rescheduled and will now take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

## First Holy Communion

The programme for First Holy Communion has now been arranged. This is open to children from Year 3 and upwards. The first parents' meeting is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm at St Charles' Church. If you need any further information please contact the school or parish office.

## Reflection

Advent begins on Saturday. This is a time when we start preparing to welcome Jesus into our lives. Bishop Patrick has asked us to think about how we can 'Encounter' Jesus in many different ways over the Advent season.

*"Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance." Blessed John Henry Newman.*

May the Lord Bless you in every way this weekend,

Mrs Elmore

Date	Event	Place	Time
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Measham Lights switch	St Lawrence Church	5.45pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Menphys Concert	De Montfort Hall	7.00pm
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Mass	Our Lady of Lourdes	10.00am
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Nativity Play	In school	2.00pm 5.00pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Djembe Drum performance	Class 4 – St Charles Church Hall	11.30am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	6.00pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school visit to the Pantomime	Belgrade Theatre, Coventry	Leave school at 8.30am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner	School hall	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Breakfast with Santa	School Hall	8.15am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Break up for the Christmas Holidays		12.00pm

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## Key Stage 2 Carol Service

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Is able to attend / Is unable to attend the Key Stage 2 Carol Service at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Ashby on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The Carol Service starts at 6.00pm, children need to be at church by 5.45pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_