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Advent



Advent is a very special time of the year for all our Christian children and their families.

Advent marks the start of the Christmas season. It begins on the Sunday nearest November 30, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle, and lasts four Sundays. The date it begins, changes from year to year.

As a result, so does the length of each Advent season. (This year the first Sunday in Advent is Sunday November 30, 2008) The word advent, from Latin, means "the coming." It is a time of spiritual reflection as well as cheer and anticipation. The home or family Advent devotion includes the ceremonial lighting of candles in the Advent wreath.

An Advent wreath is made from greens to symbolize continuous life and contains four candles— three purple and one rose. Often a fifth candle (white) is added to the centre of the wreath for lighting on Christmas Eve, in celebration of the birth of Jesus.

School Choir - Channel M Choir of Year competition

Our School Choir are through to the finals of this competition.

You can watch their performance on the Channel M evening news on Tuesday 2 December between 5pm and 7pm.

There will also be a one hour special screened over the weekend of 13/14 December - times not announced yet.

Voting for the winners will be by text we understand. Not that we are over duly competitive but!

Friends of Beaver Road (FOBR) - Thanks for all your support!

Pennine Playgrounds will be installing a trim trail in the Year 1 Playground in the next couple of weeks with Friends of Beaver Road money raised from the Sponsored Three Peaks event in the Summer.

A big thank you to all those who tramped over hill and dale and also to Jon Prest who organised the event.

FOBR would also like to thank Pixies who have so far raised £150.00 from the sale of School uniform and to all the parents who have purchased uniform from them.

Our next project is to raise money to replace the wooden seating area in the corner of the Year 1 Playground and hopefully we will raise enough money at

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the **FOBR School Disco on 5th December** to fund this early next year, so come along and support this event.

FOBR will be holding a Spring Ball next year on 28th March at the Galleon, details to follow but save the date and start practising your dance steps!!

We are always looking for volunteers and the next meeting of FOBR will be on 13th January at 7.45 at 63 Fog Lane, so come along and make a difference!

Genesis – a charity we support

The Genesis Appeal invites all women to attend their breast cancer Forum at the Nightingale Centre & Genesis Prevention Centre on Friday 5th December from 9.30a.m until 1.30p.m. The Forum will discuss a pioneering new scheme to introduce a breast screening programme directly related to a woman's chance of developing breast cancer and we need to hear from you! This is a chance to give your views on breast screening.

Visit <http://www.genesisuk.org/pages/Breast-Cancer-Forum.html> for more information or call the Genesis office on 0161 291 4400.

Didsbury Magazine's "**Masquerade Party**" to support Genesis takes place on 6th December.

Visit <http://www.genesisuk.org/pages/All-upcoming-Events.html> for more information on all events.

There is still time to order your **Genesis Christmas cards!** Visit <http://www.genesisuk.org/categories/Christmas-cards.html> or place your order and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the charity. Alternatively if you are interested in ordering personalised Christmas cards, Visit <http://www.creationchristmascards.co.uk/genesis> and 50% of your order will be donated to Genesis.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals for your child?

Free School Meals is a benefit awarded in respect of children under the age of 19 where the parent or guardian receives one of the benefits shown below:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IB JSA);
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the HM Revenue & Customs that does not exceed £14,495 from 6/4/08.
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.

If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals, please bring evidence of your entitlement to Miss Harris in the Business Office. The LEA allocates a large proportion of our school's funding based on % of free school meals. The school benefits from every child entitled to free school meals.

All correspondence will be treated confidentially. For this information to have an impact on our forthcoming school budget I will need this information before 12th January 2009.

Linda Harris School Business Manager