



Newsletter ~ Term 2, Week 4

Advent

School is starting to look, feel and sound really festive! The entrance hall has been transformed into a winter wonderland by Mrs Broome, who has been in school this week putting up festive displays and decorations ready for the Christmas Party and our Nativity play. Children are busy practising songs and carols and our office staff are humming along already! We have also started making Christmas cards to distribute amongst our parishioners and help spread the good news of Christmas to our whole community.

Advent Wreaths

The season of Advent is fast approaching – the first Sunday of Advent is Sunday 3 December – and as part of this we ask our children to make an Advent wreath at home and bring it to school to be blessed by Father Reg at a special assembly on **Friday 1 December**. The traditional wreath consists of a ring of greenery, 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white candle. The white candle is placed in the middle of the ring and the other four around the edge. Each part of the wreath is symbolic and we will remind the children of this during the assembly. Last year the hall was filled with Advent wreaths and it would be lovely to have even more this year. Children should bring their wreath to school on the morning of the 1st and take it back home for use in the four weeks up to Christmas.

If you have any spare greenery in your gardens it would be gratefully received. Please bring it into school during the week beginning 27 November.

Friends' News

Our Christmas party is tomorrow and we can't wait to visit Santa in his Grotto! There are lots of festivities planned, from Christmas crafts, a secret present room, face painting, sweets & cakes, to a kid's fun room, local traders, a disco to end the night and more! We have appreciated the feedback and will have stalls starting from 20p in the kids' fun room, so do come along and bring all the family.

The Poppy Appeal

Our Poppy Appeal this year raised £178 so many thanks again for your support. Children took part this year in a reflective remembrance assembly. They heard the famous poem 'In Flanders Fields' and learned how the Poppy Appeal started just after the end of the First World War.

Well Done

Some of the teachers have been spending time in each other's classrooms this week and have been very impressed by how the children are enjoying learning and are keen to take risks and challenge themselves. We also said some special 'well dones' in our merit assembly to Ronnie and Jude in year 1, Nina and George in year 2, Lois and Tooni in year 3, Giuseppe, Jess and Liam in year 4, Adam and Olivia in year 5 and Tommy, Eleanor and Niamh in year 6. They have been praised for excellent work in maths, improved presentation and good listening!

Reception Admissions September 2018

For children eligible to start school in September 2018, a final opportunity to visit the school and see it in operation will take place **Monday 4 December** at **2pm**. Please contact the school office should you wish to make a visit. Applications for children starting school in the Reception class should be made online to North Somerset Local Authority – the closing date for applications is (23.59 hours) 15 January 2018. Baptismal Certificates as supporting evidence must be presented to the school office before January 15 in order to accompany the application.

And finally...

It was with great pride last Friday that we watched our year 5 children take the lead so sensibly and enthusiastically in the fundraising activities for Children in Need. With everyone's help, they raised £383 which will go towards helping other children in Great Britain.

Here are some of the year 5 children's reflections on the day:

As a year five class, we ran different stalls and we had the experience of raising money for Children in Need. We enjoyed the activities and bringing our buddies around the school too. Benji

The Spotacular fundraising felt really active and fun and there was something for everybody to do. Emily

The fundraiser was a great experience for us and it felt good being part of such an amazing cause. All the children had lots of fun and my buddy won my stall! Freddie

I would like to thank everyone who helped with Children in Need as all the money will go to children and young people who really need support. It felt good that I was given the responsibility and I was eager to help. Maya