

Dear Parents and Carers,

During these unprecedented times, we are more aware than ever of how important it is to follow the Christmas story; a story of perseverance and faith. We are reminded of the long, hard journey that Mary and Joseph made to get to Bethlehem. This journey would have been one requiring strength and courage, something that resonates with many refugee families today. This year, it is harder than ever to gather as a parish in church for the Christmas celebrations. Therefore, next week in our prayer garden at the front of school, you will notice a special nativity scene that has been placed to help us to reflect and pray. We are indebted to one of our grandparents, Mr Ludden, who made this for us. If you do choose to spend a quiet moment in front of the nativity scene, you will see a small donation box. All money raised will be used by CAFOD to support those in need.

We are delighted to have the school back to full capacity again and we have planned a series of events for the children in the run up to Christmas. We know that we can't do our usual plays and events so we have come up with alternatives to make sure that the children still experience the excitement of Christmas in school. I am sure that the list will grow but here are the first few.

Monday 30th November - Advent Wreath Display

We have seen some wonderful creations on Seesaw from the children who have been in isolation. On Monday we will set up a display in the hall for all the children. Please bring your wreath to school. It can be made from absolutely anything! If you have more than one child, a family Advent wreath is absolutely fine.

Thursday 3rd December - Christmas Lunch

A delicious lunch served by our fabulous kitchen team.

Friday 11th December - Elf Run and a busy day!

It's the day when all of the training pays off and we take to the streets (in our bubbles) for our Elf Run. Elf ears will be provided. Last year we raised an impressive £2300 for the hospice... Let's see what we can do this year! Little elves who are too young to run on the streets, will run in school grounds.

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day: Save the Children

When the run is over, warm up by wearing your Christmas jumper!

Friday 11th December - Author Visit

We welcome a virtual visit by renowned author Sibeal Pounder. This talk will be about her new book TINSEL and is for children in Key Stage 2. You can order a copy of the book via Parent Pay

if you so wish, but this needs to be done before 7th December so that it arrives before the end of term.

Friday 18th December - Parties, Quizzes and Craft for all pupils

The teachers have planned all sorts of things for the last day. Children can wear Christmas clothes and the PTA is providing the funds for the party food.

Parent/teacher meetings.

These meetings start this week and hopefully you have managed to log on and make your appointment. Please note that there is just one appointment per child and you can only use one phone/device to connect to the teacher. We have been assured that everything will run smoothly!

As always, we will do everything we can to support you and your children. Thank you for your ongoing help with blended learning, one way systems and much, much more. Let's hope for a peaceful few weeks and trust that all will be well before too long.

Best wishes,

Mrs Galloway