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Dear Parents / Carers,

Science Talkabout

As the days shorten towards the winter solstice, this makes a nice topic of conversation with your children. Our final day of term this year falls on this solstice, 21st December - the shortest day of the year, in terms of hours of sunlight. Then, as we know, the days begin to lengthen once more until the summer solstice on June 21st.

But did you also know that, one day on the Moon from sunrise to sunrise, would last for approximately 29.5 days on Earth? There would be only twelve days in a year... Christmas day would last for a month! An interesting titbit for Christmas conversation!

Foodbank Appeal

We have over 300 items already for the Foodbank. THANK YOU. We are aiming for 1200 items... please send in:

- 1. tinned fish
- 2. tinned fruit
- 3. and deodorant.

Advent Prayer for Peace

With the children we explore peace, as the theme of the second week of Advent.

Shockingly, our caretaker and our bus drivers have been the object of verbal abuse recently when asking parents to keep the bus route and turning circle clear.

We understand the challenges of access to the school but we ask you to respect the rules of the highway, as well as the rights of the staff.

Help us keep our children safe.

Keep the bus route and turning circle clear.

Thank you.

We bring our thoughts to those who challenge and inspire us to be the peacemakers in our world.

We pray with St Theresa, for an end to all wars, violence, injustice and famine.

Strong and merciful God.

You crush wars and overthrow the proud;

banish violence... and wipe away the tears of those who suffer.

May all men and women, made in Your image and likeness, find in Your love and mercy, a pattern for their lives.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever, Amen

"Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all. Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is right and it is duty." Oscar Romero

Wishing you peace this weekend,

OLOP Team