



ST. MARK'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's Message



Dear parents and carers,

Monday marked the beginning of December – our busiest and most exciting time of the school year! Our Chaplains led us in our Celebration of God's Word on Monday morning to mark the First Sunday of Advent. The word Advent means "coming," as we wait in joyful hope for Jesus. This is a very special and busy time for us all.

During the celebration, the Chaplains set the children a challenge – our Advent Missions! As part of this mission, each class has chosen one simple way to "stay awake," staying alert to the small opportunities God gives us each day to make a difference. It has been wonderful to see children across the school showing God's love through friendly smiles, comforting others when they are sad, or inviting a different friend to play.

On Tuesday afternoon, Key Stage 2 led our beautiful Advent Service. The children reminded us that Advent is a time of waiting and remembering that God is with us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. During Advent, we try to follow His teachings, knowing that every small act of kindness can make a big difference.

This afternoon, the children—and all of you—have made a very big gesture through our sponsored Santa Dash. The children were absolutely fantastic, running with such enthusiasm and joy to raise valuable funds. A huge well done to everyone who took part, and a special thank you to our older children who supported our younger ones so kindly.

We are extremely grateful for your generous donations in support of our chosen Advent charity, Caritas. Caritas provides vital support for people at their most vulnerable. The money we raise this Advent will help to transform lives – thank you!

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Woodruff

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Important Dates for next week

Tuesday 9th December

- NURSERY OWN CLOTHES
- Nursery Christmas Craft Sessions – please sign up on Scopay for either a morning or afternoon session:
Morning session 10 - 11am – £2.00 donation per adult payable on Scopay (maximum of 2 people per family).
Afternoon session 2.00 – 3.00pm - £2.00 donation per adult payable on Scopay (maximum of 2 people per family).
- This helps us cover the cost of craft materials.

Wednesday 10th December

- RECEPTION TO COME IN PE KIT
- Reception Sing-a-long 10am in the school hall – £3.00 per adult (maximum of 2 people per family). Tickets are available on Scopay. This contribution supports the cost of costumes, which will be provided by school.

Thursday 11th December

- YEAR 1 TO WEAR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM/YEAR 2 TO COME IN PE KIT
- Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity 10am in the school hall – £3.00 per adult (maximum of 2 people per family). Tickets are available on Scopay. This also helps cover the cost of the costumes provided by school.

Friday 12th December

- Year 3 and Year 5 will attend Mass at St. Mark's Church. Parents are very welcome to join us.
- Own Clothes for Year 1 for the highest attendance this week. Well done, Year 1.

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