



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been marking the start of Advent, in our learning and in our Celebration of the Word. This morning, instead of our usual Celebration of the Word, we had a special prayer time with our Prayer Buddies. The Chaplaincy Team had planned the prayer stations based on the themes of the Advent candles: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The children wrote prayers of hope which they made into a paper chain to decorate our Christmas tree. They posted prayers for peace into our Christmas post box, and wrote compliments for their Prayer Buddies, which they shared in during the prayer time. Each child wrote their name on a star, remembering the joy of Christmas. It was a lovely way to celebrate this special season of Advent together.



### Reverse Advent Calendar

You should have received information about our Reverse Advent Calendar collection for the Food Bank, and your child should have brought home a slip of paper with their nominated day on it. I hope you will be able to support us.

### Art Competition

Yesterday we sent home details of a Christmas Art competition which has been organised by the Art Ambassadors. Children have until next Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December to take part – please donate via WisePay if your child wishes to be involved, as we are using this to raise funds for CAFOD!

### Fun Night

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Christmas Fun Night on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December – Krazy Kev for the KS1 children and a movie night for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Tickets are available on WisePay and include a drink and a bag of sweets. Children should come back to school at 4.00pm wearing comfy clothes (pyjamas welcome). KS1 children must be collected at 5.30pm, and KS2 children at 5.45pm. I am sure it will be a great evening!

### Christmas Raffle

We are very pleased to launch our Christmas Raffle! We have an amazing array of prizes – many thanks to those of you who have donated a prize and to our fantastic PSA team who have drummed up our biggest ever selection of prizes! Please take a look at the prize list attached to see all the prizes available. The top prizes include some amazing Christmas Hampers with Sainsbury's gift cards and Amazon gift cards, we have a Christmas cake, an Afternoon Tea at the Queens Hotel, children's scooters, vouchers for Explore Learning, ECPA Dance School, Noodle Bar, Weymouth Sealife Centre, and Hall & Woodhouse. We also have lots of other vouchers for different shops, family days out, spa & beauty

treatments, haircuts, takeaways and dining! We also have gift sets, games, toys, sweet treats and more! You must look at the list! Tickets are available via WisePay, 50p per entry. Just a reminder that we will not be sending tickets home this time, but we will keep a record of your numbers in school. We will draw the raffle on Christmas party day – 17<sup>th</sup> December, and will let all the winners know before the end of term. Good luck and thank you once again to the PSA and the businesses in our local community for their continued support!

### Christmas Performances

Just reminder of the dates for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 performances this Christmas.

#### Reception:

Performance 1: Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.15am - Child's surname **A-H**

Performance 2: Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.15am – Child's surname **I-Z**

**Year 1:** Performance 1: Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10.30am – Child's surname **A-H**

Performance 2: Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10.30am – Child's surname **I-Z**

**Year 2:** Carols and Mince pies – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm

**Year 4:** Advent service will take place at school on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm.

**The children and staff have decided that they would like any money collected from their performances to go to Save the Children.** You can bring cash along to the performance, but if you would prefer to pay via WisePay, that would be very much appreciated as we try to avoid having cash in the office. Thank you in advance – we love to encourage our children to use their talents to help others in need.

### Christmas lunch

The deadline to order a Christmas lunch for our party day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December is Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at midnight. Of course, there is no obligation for your child to have a hot lunch, but this is always a very popular meal and a great event! All children will eat together in the hall, even if they have a packed lunch. You can order via Forerunner <https://forerunnerparents.myschoolmealorders.com>

### Christmas cards

Our Christmas 'postal' service is now open! If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends, they can put them in our post box and they will be delivered. Please put the **class or year group** on to help the posties! Please **do not** put sweets or chocolates in the cards – we have children with allergies and some children who do not eat sweets and chocolates. If you send cards in with chocolates, we will have to return them to you which is very disappointing for your child. Thanks

### Dates for your diary:

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| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 4.00pm      | Christmas fun night in school                      |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 9.15am      | Reception performance – Child's surname A-H        |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 10.30am     | Year 1 performance Child's surname A-H             |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 9.15am      | Reception performance – Child's surname I-Z        |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 10.30am     | Year 1 performance – Child's surname I -Z          |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 6.00pm      | Year 4 service at the Annunciation church          |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 2.00pm      | Carols and mince pies for Year 2 parents & carers. |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 5.00-5.45   | Disco for Years 3 and 4 – more info to follow      |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 6.00 – 6.45 | Disco for Years 5 and 6 – more info to follow      |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec | All day     | Last day of term- Christmas Jumper Day             |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan     | 8.40 am     | School reopens for children.                       |

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

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