



***"Starting children off through God's love and Jesus' teachings"***

**Christian Value:** Trust

**British Value:** Tolerance (Anti-Bullying)

**Living out the School Vision this Week: (R)**

**Curiosity:** "What can I wrap up at the wrapping station?" asked Reuben.

**Compassion:** "I was a good friend at breaktime," reported Emelia.

**Resilience:** "We practised hard for our Nativity," shared Olivia.

**Worship quote:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."  
*Proverbs 3:5*

**Remember in our prayers:** the people of Syria, who are looking forward to building a new future.

**Nativity and Concerts**

What lovely concerts and nativities we had this week! Thank you to parents for providing costumes and props, practising words and songs and coming to watch. Thank you also to the staff who have got the children performance-ready!

**Christmas Tree Trails & Craft**

These events are taking place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>. At 9.05am, parents or grandparents of R, Y1 and Y2 are able to visit R, Y1 & Y2 classrooms to help with Christmas crafts and see the class Christmas trees. To aid with congestion in classes, we ask that a maximum of 2 adults, per family attend. The event will end at 9.35am.

In the afternoon, it will be the turn of Y3-6. At 2.15 parents/grandparents can visit classes. Then at 2.45pm, there will be an opportunity to hear carols and instruments, from our Y3, 4 & 5 children, as well as enjoying tea, coffee and mince pies, in the school hall. Please bring cash for donations.

Again, please note that we can only accommodate a maximum of 2 adults per family. Please enter via the usual playground gates.

**Christmas Parties**

Letters about party food have been sent home today. If you are able to make a donation, please send enough for 5 or 6 children. The R,Y1 & Y2 party is on Tuesday afternoon and Y3-6 is on Wednesday. Children may come to school in their party clothes but please be aware of the weather conditions on the day.

**Y6 Christingle**

This is on Thursday, at St Paul's Church. Parents & grandparents of Y6s are most welcome to attend. Children are asked to bring a chocolate donation for the John Storer foodbank.

**Christmas Cards at School**

The school Christmas card post box will continue, next week. Please ensure the class or year group are clearly labelled, as well as the child's name.

**Choir at St Paul's Church Carol Service**

Our school choir will be performing on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6pm, within the Parish Carol Service. All families are very welcome to attend. There will be cake afterwards!

Rev'd Lisa has also asked me to mention the Crib Service at 2pm and Midnight Mass at 10pm. Both on Christmas Eve. All are most welcome.

**After-school Sports Clubs**

There is a rearranged dodgeball club on Monday but no other Football and Fitness clubs next week. They will begin again in the new year.

**Little Plastic Ducks**

This seems to be the latest craze but the teachers report that it is very distracting for the children and impossible for them to know who they belong to. As one teacher put it, "It's driving us quackers!" So, please keep all ducks at home!

**Sports News**

The Y5/6 basketball squad were in action this week, coming third in their group.

**School Diary**

- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas crafts open classrooms, R,Y1,Y2-9.05am, Y3-6 2.15pm
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: R,Y1, Y2 Christmas party
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y3-6 Christmas party
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.15pm: Christingle in St Paul's Church (Y6 parents welcome)
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: break up for Christmas
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: return to school after Christmas.

Have a good  
weekend,  
Mrs Gilchrist

