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Dear Parents,

This Sunday marks the start of Advent. In school, we will mark the season by beginning each day with a special Walk With Me assembly, led by the staff and consisting of a short Advent reflection to help us prepare for the coming of Jesus. Every day, we will look at the Advent reflection on the Walk with Me Calendar and discuss what this means for us.



This week, the children have worked so well completing their Autumn term assessments – it is hard to believe that there are only three weeks left until we break up. This afternoon, Year Four had their beautiful class Mass – a Mass that marks the end of Ordinary Time and the end of the church's year.

Finally, the PTA have presented every child with an Advent calendar today to mark the start of the church's new

season, which starts on Sunday. This is the school gifting something to the children – this Advent, we are asking for a little something back in the form of our 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. You received a letter about this last week - the contents of which have been replicated on later in this letter too.

Golden Book

Reception: Lily Keating for always looking so presentable in her uniform. Lily is an absolutely star in class – she is kind, polite and works so well in lessons. She also makes a perfect little Mary in the Nativity – we can't wait to see her perform next Friday!

Year One: Ariella Farrell for working extremely hard in the classroom, working independently and giving 100% effort in every task she is given. She is really impressing in her reading group, using prosody and fantastic comprehension skills. Her acting skills have impressed staff this week, saying her line in the KS1 Nativity with expression. Keep up the amazing work, Ariella!

Year Two: Samuel Hajas for his hard work and focus across all subjects. Samuel always puts his best into everything he does and is always striving to be the best version of himself. Something we have noticed this week is Samuel's patience. He really takes his time to think carefully about

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

his answers in class before sharing them. This also evident in his writing. Well done, Samuel!

Year Three: Tobias Ahmed for impressing his teachers with his level of writing during Literacy and RE this week. Tobias always ensures his handwriting is of the best standard and has been including lots of Alan Peat sentence types. Keep up the impressive work, Tobias!

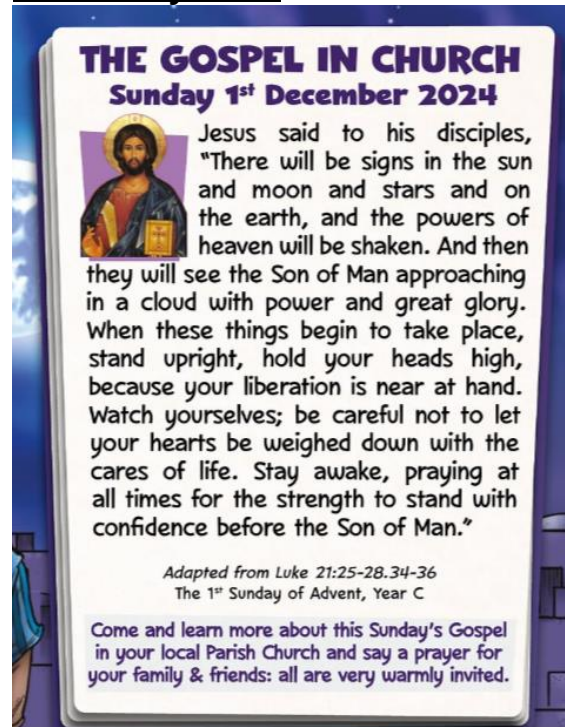
Year Four: Abhi Roy Mattapudi for the light he brings to the Year Four Class: he is always keen to get involved in the lessons. He has shown great focus in our new Maths topic and impressed his classmates this week with his Carnival dancing skills.

Year Five: Maeve Henvey has shone especially brightly this week in her assessments: her results are dazzling. Not only has she worked well in her Writing, Reading and Maths, she has also shown her commitment and passion in her role as class and spiritual councillor. She has been busy creating a calendar to help us on our countdown to Christmas and helped to create a travelling crib advent bag for the class to take home to help them prepare during Advent.

Year Six: Sonny Fitzpatrick approaches Year Six with a mature attitude and a strength of character which has been in his learning and by being a good role model in class and around school. He is polite and courteous and displays a positive attitude to life. Sonny is a good friend and is a valued member of the class, working well individually or as part of a team; he recently volunteered to read in our Year 6 Class Mass in

Church. All of these characteristics will put him in good stead for the challenges that lie ahead.

Wednesday Word



Advent Charities

Building on our success donating toothpaste and other toiletries to St Chad's Sanctuary, we would like children (and parents and staff) to take part in this reverse Advent calendar. The idea is simple: as well as receiving a small token each day, children (and staff and parents) can instead choose to donate something. You don't have to do it every day but taking part once during the season would be brilliant. There will be station set up around school. All donations to go to Fatima House, which houses vulnerable women seeking a safe place; St Chads' Sanctuary, which aids asylum seekers with everyday necessities, and our own SVP, operating in the parish to help the

needy. It is a fact often brushed over in our own Christmas story that Mary and Joseph were seeking sanctuary in Bethlehem before the birth of the Baby Jesus, and afterwards the Holy Family themselves were seeking asylum in a foreign country because it remained unsafe for them to return to the land of His birth. Please give generously.

02.12.24	<i>Tinned tomatoes</i>
03.12.24	<i>Coffee</i>
04.12.24	<i>Bags of rice</i>
05.12.24	<i>Toothbrushes</i>
06.12.24	<i>Packs of children's underwear</i>
09.12.24	<i>Bags for Life</i>
10.12.24	<i>Nappies</i>
11.12.24	<i>New pairs of socks</i>
12.12.24	<i>Gloves</i>
13.12.24	<i>Chocolate bars</i>
16.12.24	<i>Soap</i>
17.12.24	<i>Shower gel</i>
18.12.24	<i>Warm woolly hats</i>
19.12.24	<i>Tins of Tuna</i>
20.12.24	<i>Pasta</i>

KS2 Reconciliation

As part of our Advent preparation, the children of Key Stage Two will take part in a Reconciliation Service next Wednesday, 4th December, at 1:30pm. My thank to Father Marco, from Holy Souls, Father Andrew, from Our Lady of the Wayside, and Father John, from St Dunstan's for joining us and Father Paul.

Year Five/Six residential

These are both now booked. Children attending Paris will depart on Monday 9th June and return on Friday 13th June; children attending Whitemoor Lakes will depart on Monday 16th June and return on Wednesday 18th June. Please ensure payments are kept up to date via School Money. If you have any issues and questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Catholic Movie night



On Friday 6th December, the parish are hosting a screen of 'The Star' for anyone who wishes to attend. All are welcome. Doors open at 5:30pm and the film begins at 6pm.

PTA

Thanks to all the adult volunteers who made the discos run so smoothly, and thanks for Advent calendars that have gone home with every child today. You

bring so much to the school and add some much value to the children's experience. 😊

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Tianna in Year Two who was seven on Monday and happy birthday to Arla in Year Three who was eight on Tuesday. Happy birthday to Flynn in Reception who will be five on Sunday!



December dates for your diary

Wed 4th Dec: KS2 Advent Reconciliation Service

Thurs 5th Dec: Year Five at Hall Green library (am)

Fri 6th Dec: Reception Nativity 2pm

Mon 9th Dec: Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Year One Nativity 2pm

Tues 10th Dec: Year Two Nativity 2pm

Thurs 12th Dec: Rec and KS1 @ '*Finding Santa*' (am); Keyboard and choir concert 2pm

Tues 17th Dec: KS2 Carol service 7pm

Wed 18th Dec: KS2 @ *Beauty and the Beast*

Fri 20th Dec: Whole School Mass 9:30; children break up at 2pm (no Kidzone club)

January dates for your diary

Mon 6th Jan: School closed INSET

Tues 7th Jan: School re-opens for all children

Wed 8th Jan: Whole School Mass dedicated to memory of Noah Edwards 9:30am

Fri 17th Jan: Year Five Class Mass 2:30pm

Fri 24th Jan: Year Four Class Assembly

February dates for your diary

Fri 7th Feb: Year Three Class Assembly 9am

Fri 14th Feb: Year Six Class Mass; break up for half-term.

Mon 24th Feb: Children return to school

Fri 28th Feb: Sponsor workshop, 2pm; Year Six Confirmation 7pm

March dates for your diary

Wed 5th March: Whole School Mass for Ash Wednesday, 9:30 at church

Thurs 6th March: World Book Day

Mon 17th March: Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6:30

Wed 19th March: Key Stage Two Reconciliation service 2pm; Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6:30

Fri 21st March: Year One Class Mass 2:30pm

Tues 25th March: Whole School Mass for the annunciation 9:30am

Fri 28th March: Year Two Class Assembly 9am

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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