



"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."

A Message from Mrs. Blincow...

Dear Parent/Carers,

As the season of Advent draws closer, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which we eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. The first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to centre our thoughts on hope. It is a beautiful chance to remember the hope God offers to our lost and dying world, and that He's given us through Jesus.

Chris Atkins from CAFOD, visited us this week and delivered our Thursday Assembly, when he told the children about 'World Gifts' and how even a small gift can make a big difference, to global communities who are in dire need of our help. He later met of CAFOD Club, who are organising the purchase of gifts, which will be sent to help our brothers and sisters in need.

As we enter the season of Advent, our virtue is Patience. Defined as waiting without complaining because you know that some things take time. You are calm and trusting. You know that waiting is sometimes painful or hard to do but you trust that later on something good will happen. As we look forward to the many exciting things happening in the rest of the Term, patience is something we will all have to exercise.

Have a wonderful week

Mrs Blincow

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CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Chris Atkins, a volunteer for CAFOD and a regular visitor to St. Mary's delivered Thursday's assembly. The theme 'World Gifts' was an opportunity for the children to learn more about our global neighbours, and how we can help them by working together to build a brighter world, and that even a small gift can make a big difference. The children will be choosing gifts to send, which they hope will make a difference to a community in need.

Chris followed this up with class assemblies on Catholic Social Teaching. Using animal characters to provide a visual connection with the principles, which underpin our Mission statement, that following in the footsteps of Christ, we hope to make present in our unjust and broken world, the justice, love and peace of God.



Term Dates

Advent Term

Monday 31st October 2022

Year 2 – St. Andrew's Assembly

Tuesday 29th November 9am

Reception Assembly

Tuesday 6th December

Pantomime – Snow White

Wednesday 7th December

EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Thursday 8th December

KS2 - Carols Around The Tree

Wednesday 14th December

Term Ends

Friday 16th December

Winter Olympics



Two teams of children from Year 1 took part in the Pacesetter Games event this week, which had a decidedly 'chilly' theme. The Winter Olympics consisted of an ice-hockey game, a curling competition, speed skating and toboggan racing. Just like the 'real' Olympics, the children represented two countries Sweden and Switzerland, sporting the countries flag in the opening ceremony. This inventive competition, which was held indoors, was a big hit with everyone involved. We finished 4th and 7th overall.

The Travelling Crib



Our Faith Ambassadors from Reception and Year 1 – 3 received a very special gift today 'A Travelling Crib.' The children will each have a turn to take it home and share the precious contents with their families. The miniature Nativity scene and candle will visit each of our families' homes during this season of Advent.



Christmas Fair

Friday 2nd December

2022, 3.30 – 6PM

Stalls include
tombolas, raffle,
children's games/ toys
Santa's Grotto and lots more

*Thank you for your support.
Any further donations can be
handed into the school office.*

Open Morning Prospective Reception Parents Academic Year 2023/2024

All are welcome to an informal
meeting on

Thurs 1st December
10am – 11am



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