



15th December 2023

## **School Newsletter**

### **A message from the Headteacher**

It's been a really busy Autumn term and we are all ready for a well earned break. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone - children, families, staff and governors- for their support of our school community.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at the usual time when we open up after the holiday on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

### **Words of Encouragement**

**The words of encouragement for this week are from Luke 2:7**

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ. He was born into poverty, laid in a manger and yet He came to change the world. God showed us that we don't have to be wealthy to make a difference- just following Jesus' example in how we live our lives will make the world a little better for everyone.

### **Look what the children have been doing!**

#### **Nursery**

As we draw closer to Christmas the children have been learning about one of our core values, 'SERVICE'. We demonstrate service through helping others and that's exactly what we did! We would like to thank all the parents for donating items and being so generous. We were able to make 7 parcels filled with these essential and useful items. Our donations will therefore help 7 people in our community that really need our help! The children helped to make up each of the parcels, learning about the items and why they might be useful.

Our Christmas performance was a real success. The children looked beautiful in their Christmas costumes and sang their hearts out. The parents were very impressed and we were too! Well done Nursery children, you are all amazing!

Finally, we would like to wish all of our children and their families a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we all look forward to seeing you all back in January.





## **Reception**

It seems such a short while ago that we were ready for our new intake of Reception children and already we come to the end of the autumn term. The Reception team are incredibly proud of how well the children settled into school life, becoming confident and independent learners who make daily progress.



The last week of the term has been busy and exciting. Mr. Rawding's fantastic planning for RE Christmas Week really allows children to think about the true meaning of Christmas. Reception children visited All Saints Church to practice for the nativity and sang Nativity songs in the playground as part of the carol singing around the school.

Thank you to the parents who contributed items for the christmas parcels for the homeless. This is an important part of RE week and gives a valuable message to our children about helping those less fortunate.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in January!

## **Year 1**

This week is our termly RE week which leads us up to Christmas break. The children completed the RE unit, learning about the importance of The Wise men in the Nativity story. They created a list of characteristics that coincided with each of the key people we explored so far in the story. After, the children used that knowledge to discover moments when they themselves showed these qualities and traits.

The week was filled with lots of fun activities and learning experiences for the children to enjoy. The children came in and practised singing their Christmas carol, which they performed for the entire school by walking around the perimeter as a year group.

Children watched an adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic 'Christmas Carol'; The Muppets Christmas Carol and answered some of the lessons to be learnt. They made Christmas cards for their family and friends.

A BIG thank you to parents/Carers for their immense donations towards the success of putting the parcels together for the less fortunate and homeless.

The children will be given the project for our Spring 1 topic; Extreme Weather. Please help your child to complete the project. All projects are to be in on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January being first Friday back.

## Year 2

Huge congratulations to Year 2 this week. They performed their Christmas concert with confidence as they thought about the meaning of Christmas. They also made their own Christmas cards. As part of this, we would like to express our gratitude for the Christmas Parcel contributions received. We were astounded by your generosity. Warmest wishes to you all, for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

## Year 3

What a week it has been! The children really enjoyed our discussions about Christmas. They thought deeply about the true meaning of Christmas and how the birth of Jesus has brought light into the world. Year 3 children also watched 'Scrooge: A Christmas Carol' and wrote some responses below.

Year 3 teachers would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!!



## Year 4

Year 4 has had a great Autumn term and they are looking forward to a well-deserved Christmas break.

This was RE Week, full of activities exploring the meaning of Christmas. From watching and discussing the movie Scrooge to making Christmas lantern lights, the highlight however was the Year 4 Recorder Concert.

We had so many parents, we struggled to fit them all in the Junior Hall with Year 3 also in attendance.

The wonderful Miss Morgan led the children as they performed songs and raps with the recorder.

We would like to thank all the Year 4 parents for your support and look forward to another fun filled term of learning. Merry Christmas!





## **Year 5**

As part of RE week, Year 5s explored the story behind Christmas and the Light of Christmas. Throughout the week we completed various activities, including; answering questions based on Christmas, watching A Christmas Carol and creating a display for The Light Walk. The students enjoyed The Light Walk as it allowed them to explore the different perspectives and ideas of Light at Christmas time.

This term has been one filled with adjustments, enjoyment and a lot of HARD WORK! A big well done to ALL Year 5s for working hard and trying their best in all aspects.

We hope we can all take the break to rest and fuel for the exciting New Year ahead!

## **Year 6**

This week was RE week in school and all our activities were based around our big question: Why Celebrate Christmas? We spent time discussing the following:

- What makes Christmas ?
- What's good and bad about Christmas?
- What do Christians celebrate at Christmas?

Children also watched their final version of Christmas Carol and looked at the character 'Scrooge' and his views on Christmas and compared him with Tiny Tim. Classroom discussions looked at how Tiny Tim, although he had a disability, which should have limited his freedom was actually free and happy despite his circumstances. Whereas, Scrooge who had everything he thought he needed, was the one who was trapped because of his greed and lack of interest in others. In addition, where Scrooge was in rich a monetary sense, Tiny Tim who was poor was rich because he had a positive outlook and embraced his life and was thoughtful to those around him.

The whole Year Group went carol singing to other classrooms and thanks to the support and expertise of Mrs Moh, the children performed the technically challenging song 'Carol of Bells.'

It would be great if you could discuss the questions with your children and get them to tell you how we answered them in class.

The Year 6 team would like to take the time to wish all of our children and parents a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

## **Christmas fair**

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our Christmas fair. We raised approximately £1700 for school funds! A big thanks to staff who volunteered their time to help- as ever they did a sterling job!

An especially big shout out to Nesta who did the balloons for Santa's grotto! You can contact her on social media.

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## **Smoking and vaping in playground and round school**

Please be aware that smoking and vaping are not permitted either in or near the school grounds.



This half term, for the Maths Big Question, we looked at the Maths in our very own names!

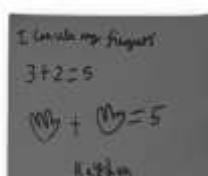
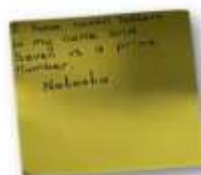
Numbers, shapes, angles and more!

## Maths Big Question

### What Maths is in YOUR name?



Here are some responses from across the school.



### Parcels for the homeless

What an incredibly generous and thoughtful contribution everyone has made. Through the many donations, we have been able to put together over 60 parcels of varying shapes and sizes. Due to the generosity of so many, a good number of these parcels have been made up specifically for families, people with young children, and not just the homeless. Through our close ties with All Saints Edmonton and Reverend Roxane, we are able to make sure that all of the parcels will go to people in our community who would otherwise struggle to make ends meet over the Christmas period.

It is a wonderful way for the children to be involved in showing **Love** and **Service** for our community, and no doubt they will be inspired to **Aspire** to demonstrate similar acts of generosity in the future.

A very real and practical way of responding to our BIG Question during RE Week – ‘Why Celebrate Christmas?’ For no other reason than to make a positive difference, through giving and sacrifice. This is what we have learnt Christians believe is the way we should celebrate Christmas, by imitating God’s gift to mankind – Jesus.

**A massive thank you to all children and families for your donations, and especially staff for coordinating this in your different Year Groups.**

**A very blessed Christmas to you all – Keep spreading the LOVE, JOY and PEACE and may you be recipients of it too.**



## RE Christmas Week – 2023

It has been an amazing week filled with fun activities exploring the BIG Question:  
Why Celebrate Christmas?

For many, Christmas is still a highlight of the year as a time of celebration and receiving and giving of gifts. However, as children have discovered this week, through looking at the Biblical Christian story of Christmas, and Charles Dickens’ novel ‘A Christmas carol’, an important part is the giving, but not just in the sense of presents.







What  
brightens  
up your  
day?

# The Light of the World

## John 8 v 12

Later, Jesus talked to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness. He will have the light that gives life."

The children looked at the light of Christmas and considered how we can be a light to others through our thoughts, actions, words, best wishes and gifts and talents.

A final highlight of the week was classroom displays of light with children's thoughts and comments shared and lanterns and illuminations on display. The whole school went on a walk-about to take in each

unique scene as an experience and opportunity to reflect. The photos below just capture some of the lights on display.







## Have a look at the school website – Collective Worship tab.

<https://www.latymerallsaints.enfield.sch.uk/page/?title=Collective+Worship&pid=67>

After the Christmas break we will be starting the first half of the Spring term and your children are changing topic and are focusing on a new

### BIG Question?

Why not have a look on the website under the Collective Worship tab?

Every half term, each Year Group will focus on a 'BIG Question' related to their topic, and these can be explored at home (using the resource on the website) as well as in school.

Have a think about Year 3's BIG Question for their Spring 1 topic – Language

### 'Do words have power?'

... or look up the ones for your children in the other Year Groups.

Our Core Value **Service** is the focus of our attention in the second half of the Autumn term.

## Love Aspiration Service

Each week we look at one of the underlying themes, and in the first week back, we will be looking at **Service** itself. As we think about ourselves and what we need to achieve, we also think about others and what we can do to improve the lives of everyone.

Have a look on our website and use the resource 'Our Core Values' which can be found under the Collective Worship tab, and explore the different week's themes for next half term.

### BIG Question?

Have a  
look at the

children's responses to the BIG Questions from Autumn 2.

### *In Nursery – Bears*

#### What is Christmas?

Thank you God for sweetcorn, tomatoes and peas. (Anaye)

Thank you God for pumpkin, peas and carrots. (Abigail)

Thank you God for apples. (Vera)

Thank you God for apple and pumpkin. (Shai)

Thank you God for pumpkin, apples, carrot and corn. (Josiah)



## *In Reception – Blue Penguin*

**Are we  
all the  
same?**

Our nails are different and we live somewhere different. (Angelo)

We are the same age. (Raphael)

There's boys and girls. (Akeyla)

We are all people. (Ayana)

We are different colours. (Jaro)

## *In Year 1 – Let's Remember*

**Why  
should we  
remember?**

We remember so that we can do the right thing.

We remember so that we follow instruction.

We remember good memories.

We should remember so we are not late for school.

We remember and hope in the future so we can follow Christ's example.

## *In Year 2 – Great and Ghastly Events*

**Can good  
come out of  
bad?**

By doing the right thing – Keep it up in your life. (Chiara)

We used to have war, now we have peace. (Honour)

Yes, because you can learn from your mistakes. (Mikel)

I think bad people should become good and give money to charity. (Ezra)

Yes, because you can learn from your mistakes and say sorry to the person you have hurt and make things better. (Nattalle)



### *Year 3 – Light*

**Light or  
Dark –  
Which do  
you prefer?**

I prefer the light because I can read my book and play with my friends. (Lavesh)

I prefer the dark because you can get more energy while you sleep. (Hannan)

I prefer the dark, because it helps me calm down. (Malik)

I prefer the dark, because I can see the stars. (Janelle)

I like light because Jesus is the light. (Kevion)

I prefer light because I can't see in the dark and when it is dark I am scared, but when it is light I am not scared. (Harmony)

### *Year 4 – Light it Up*

**How does  
our world  
go round?**

The world goes round because God has love. (Mercedes)

The world goes round, because as time comes, the world has to keep up. (Mary)

Our world goes round because we follow Jesus. (Ricardo)

God created the world to spin round so we can breathe. (Yvette)

God makes it happen so we can have day and night. (Safaa)

### *Year 5 – Achievement and Legacies*

**What do  
you want to  
be  
remembered  
for?**

I want them to know that I love everyone and when they are sad, I will help. (Elisha)

I want to be remembered by helping children in need. (Gabriella)

I want to be remembered for being a nurse. (Jocelyn)

I want to be remembered for spreading kindness to my community. (Samuel)

I want to be remembered for being kind and not being mean, always responsible and intelligent. (Dennis)





## *Year 6 – Land of the free*



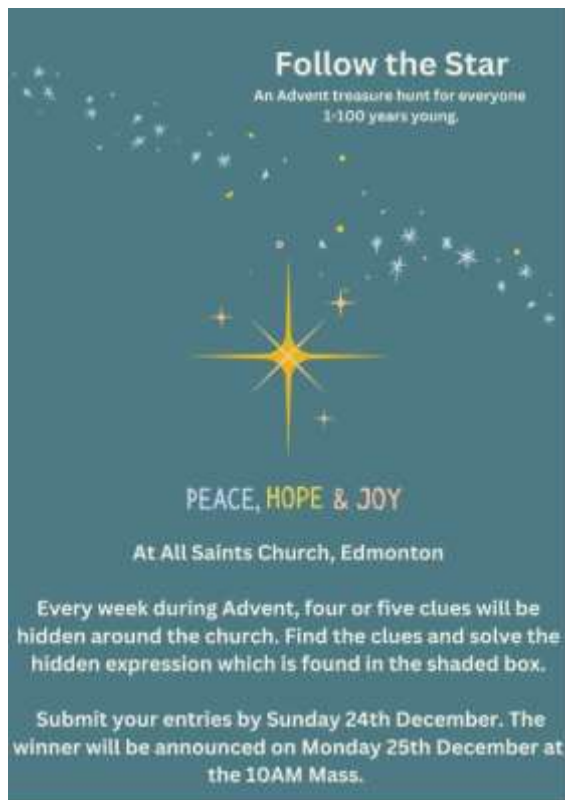
Love is when people that make you happy appear, when people greet you in the morning and when you're feeling down and someone gives you that joy. (Scarlett)

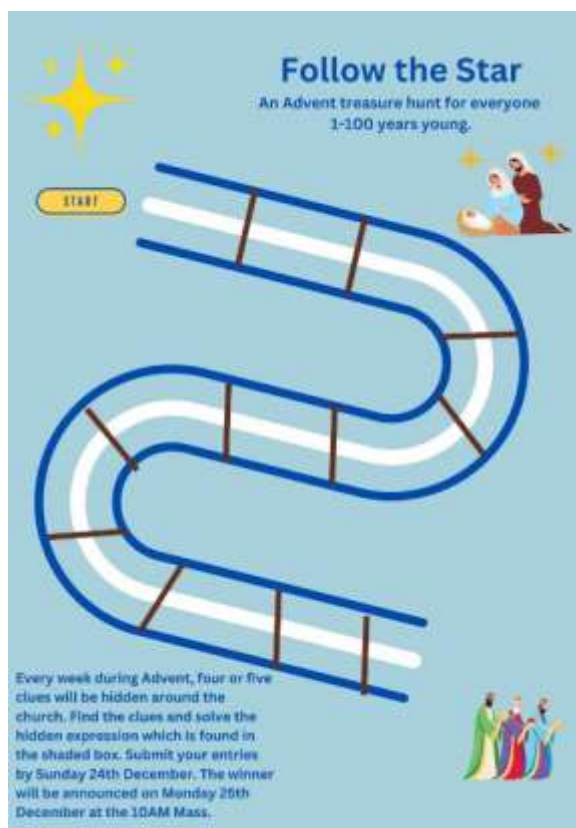
Love is when you are kind, helpful and patient. "Love is the only way to turn an enemy into a friend." Martin Luther King Jr. said. (Pelinsu)

Love is a strong emotion which comes in many different forms and is a thing which is hard to break. (Andre)

Love can end wars. Love is when you are kind and caring. It is not quick to anger, but is calm. (Beersheba)

### All Saints Church Christmas information





### Dates for your diary

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Break for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club this day)**
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024: Children return to school after Christmas**
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: children break up for half term at 3.15pm**
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: Children return to school after half term**
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: Children break up for Easter 1.30pm (No after school club this day)**
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Children return to school after Easter Holiday**
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Class photographs**
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Children break up for half term at 3.15pm**
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Children return to school after half term**
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: INSET day (No children in school)**
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Children break up for Summer holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club on this day)**

If you have any queries about information in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or to ask one of the staff team in the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Best wishes

Katy Brennan

Head teacher

In our school we love deeply, respecting everyone and treating them with dignity;  
we aspire with confidence, working hard and embracing challenge and  
we serve God and the community, following the example of Jesus, to create a better world.

**Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)**

*“Live a life of love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us”*

