

Hello everyone,

The children are preparing for what will be a very different Christmas in school this year. This coming Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and over the next three weeks we will be helping the children to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Instead of our usual Christmas productions, this year we are putting together something a bit different for you to enjoy. An email has been sent this week that explains what we need your help with, including information about 'St. Mary's Has Got Christmas Talent!'

I have also been in discussions with Mrs. Slater about how to make Christmas Dinner as special as possible for each class bubble and we will be in touch to let you know our plans.

This week, when visiting classes, I have seen the most amazing writing happening in Reception Class, imaginative space-ship designs in Class 1, confident Mathematicians in Classes 2 and 3, Historians in Class 4 as they discovered what life was like in Victorian workhouses, enthusiastic Quest story writing in Class 5 and I found peace and tranquillity in Class 6 as they focused on their learning. The children continue to show their relentless determination and resilience and we are very proud of them all.

I do hope this finds you all well. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs. Draycott



School Council

**Congratulations to our newly elected
school councillors:-**

Y6-Ash, Joseph, Spencer, Sophia, Una & Isabelle S

Y5-Felix & Amelia

Y4-Charlie & Elsa

Y3-Freddie & Scarlett

Y2-Phoebe & Oli

Y1-Freddie & Daisy

We know parents can't visit so take a look!

**Y4 have finished their wonderful
Tudor showcase**



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **Friday 11 December**, St Mary's Catholic Primary School will be taking part in **Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day**. We're asking families to donate £1 or however much they can give, to help transform the futures of children in the UK and around the world. Save the Children make sure children are kept safe, healthy and learning, and change the future for good.

Welcome to the winter issue of BlackbirdPie online magazine!

Despite everything there are festive things to see and do this year!

Please check out our link:-

<https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/cornwallchristmas2020/>

Simon, Vanessa and the Blackbird



Please can you help the Catholic Children's Society to raise essential funds?

Would you be willing to sponsor your child to 'Sleep on the Floor for One Night' over the Christmas holidays, to raise money for children who have to do this every night?

The school office is happy to email you a sponsorship form if you would like to help



Congratulations to our wonderful Stars of the Week!

16th-20th November

Reception—Manuel
Y1—Jack
Y2—Felicity
Y3—Cohen
Y4—Sienna
Y5—Noah
Y6—Megan

23rd-27th November

Reception—Ettie
Y1—Adora
Y2— Oli O
Y3—Finlay
Y4—Pip
Y5—Thea
Y6—Ash



ADVENT CHARITY 2021

Please bring your donations in for Falmouth and Penryn Food Bank penrynfalmouth.foodbank.org.uk/

Thank You

CHRISTMAS ITEMS

TINS OF MEAT

TINNED POTATOES

TINNED SWEETCORN/GREEN VEG

TINNED CARROTS

CRANBERRY SAUCE

GRAVY GRANULES

STUFFING

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

MINCE PIES

TINNED CUSTARD/TINNED CREAM

TINNED FRUIT

PACKETS OF CHRISTMASSY BISCUITS

BOX OF CHOCOLATES

SAVOURY NIBBLES

CHRISTMAS CAKE OR CHOCOLATE LOG

SOFT DRINKS (NO ALCOHOL PLEASE)

ST MARY'S FOSMS

'FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL'

BAGS TO SCHOOL COLLECTION



WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2020

Please bring all unwanted clothes and paired shoes to a FOSMs member at the school gate in black bags at drop off or pick up on the 7th or 8th of December or on the morning of the 9th December.

No bedding, soft toys or curtains can be accepted at this time.

Now is the time to have a good sort out and raise much needed funds for our school!





Humility

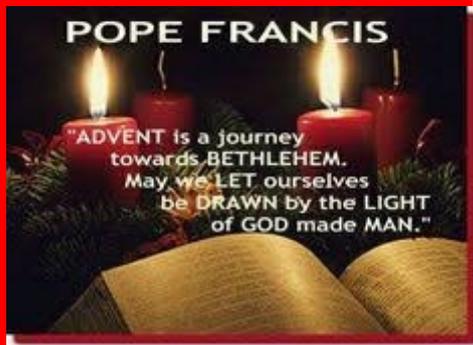
There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves.

The children have been thinking about how they can put others first by focussing on the Gospel Value, Humility. A big thank you for your generous donations for our local Food Bank, we appreciate your kindness.

Now that we are in the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas. Your children will be thinking about how they can prepare for the birth of Jesus and what they can do to get closer to Him by helping others. By doing this they will learn about the true meaning of Advent.

Patchwork Parenting have put together a short survey to look at the feelings of parents in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you would like to share your thoughts, the link is below:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QVFB3V2>.



Heavenly Father,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

Advent Classroom

Prayer Space 2020

Next week, the season of Advent begins and to mark this the children will experience a prayer space which will be held in their bubbles.

Our Advent classroom Prayer Space is Journey which begins by pausing and taking time to be with God.

The children will have the time to think about their hopes and dreams, what they are thankful for and what they need guidance in. Each journey will be different, but as a school, we pray that your child will take away something special that will help them all to draw nearer to Jesus. He being the heart of all of our Christmas.

Something Christmassy is coming....

Unfortunately, Covid-19 is preventing us from treating you to our usual Christmas performances this year.

However, we have something Christmassy up our sleeve that we are currently working on to share with you at the end of term. (I'm saying no more!)

Your child's class teacher may be in touch to ask for your child to wear or bring something different to school on a particular day. This is part of our surprise for you.

As we will really miss being able to sing together this Christmas, we would like to invite the children to record themselves either singing or playing a piece of Christmas music at home. This can be with their brothers or sisters, or a solo piece if they prefer. Just one or two verses would be great, and please dress in your favourite Christmas outfits for filming! We will then put these together to create a 'St. Mary's Has Got Christmas Talent!' The videos can be sent to their class teacher through either Showbie or Tapestry. By sending your child's video, you are giving us permission to use their recording for public viewing on Facebook and online. Please record their video in 'landscape' view.

Please can we have recordings by Monday 7th December

Y5 have been writing Quest stories set in the days of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

They have designed their own Knights and Dragons!

