



The Friday Messenger

1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Friday 29th November 2019



This weekend sees the beginning of Advent. As a school, we will be taking part in daily Advent reflections in class and thinking about preparing for the coming of Jesus. As part of our preparations, we will be having an Advent Service on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 5.00pm. I hope to see as many families there as possible. Finally, you will have noticed attached to this week's Friday Messenger is a small tag. I would like you as a family to write a short prayer or thought on the back of this and return it to school to be placed on our Christmas tree in the school hall.

Our Curriculum Theme is....

Advent



| Year 1 | Year 2 |
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| This week we have started our new RE topic, waiting. The children started by answering the big question; is waiting always difficult? They thought about times that they have had to wait for things and how this made them feel. In our second lesson we talked about Advent and the significance of waiting and preparing for Jesus' birth. The children wrote some lovely prayers which we will be using in our daily reflections during Advent. | Year Two have started to look at the importance of preparing this week. They answered the big question 'Do you need to prepare?' and began to think about how Christians prepare for Christmas during advent. Daily advent reflections will start next week which will give the children a further opportunity to consider the importance of preparing. |
| Year 3 | Year 4 |
| This week we have started our new topic 'Visitors'. The children answered the big question - 'Are visitors always welcome?' They then discussed the demands and joys of visitors, in particular thinking about how we prepare for them and also how we feel when we are visitors to somewhere. As a class, the children came up with guidelines for being good hosts and hostesses, and also good visitors. | Year Four have begun to think about Advent in their RE lessons this week. We started the unit with a discussion about the big question 'What's so special about gifts?' Children then used their own ideas and thoughts to write an answer to this question. The second lesson focused on God's gift of love and friendship where we thought about good deeds that could be done during the period of Advent. |
| Year 5 | Year 6 |
| This week in RE, we have started our new topic 'Hope'. Children answered the 'big question' - What does it mean to live in hope? They then thought about how we wait for things and how that relates to this time of year. They devised a list of ways to make waiting easier with purposeful activities and particularly enjoyed doing this. | In R.E this week, year 6 have begun their advent new topic, 'expectation'. We have spent time this week carefully considering our big question, 'should we have expectations in life?', with the children carefully analysing each key word within the question. We have also discussed the difference between an 'expectation' and a 'wish' and what happens if one starts to outweigh the other in our personal lives. |

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| Values For Life This month's value is... <u>PEACE</u> | Action! <i>Write a short prayer and thought on your Advent Star and return to school to place on our tree.</i> |
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Sacred Heart and St Oswald's Parish News
CHRISTMAS CONCERT—As part of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations Peterborough Take Note Choir will be hosting a Christmas Concert in St Oswald's Church 7.30pm Saturday 7th December. There is no cost for entry however there will be a raffle plus donation baskets.