

The Blue Letter: 27th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers ,

Thank you to everyone who has requested a parent consultation slot. The lists are on google classroom, do log in to check what time you have been allocated. If you haven't logged into google classroom at home yet, please do. We hope we don't need to use google classroom again for remote learning but it is much easier to iron out any log in issues before we are in the situation of having to use it.

Christmas Cards

The post box for Christmas Cards will be out for children to post their cards from Tuesday 1st December. As we explained in last week's letter, we have a COVID secure system to ensure they can continue to send each other cards. Please ask your children to wait and post their cards on the way to playtime, rather than hand them out to their friends.



Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Just a reminder that if you would like to book a school Christmas lunch for your child the deadline for booking **is Sunday 6th December.**

Advent Calendar Collection

A message from Lucas : "Thank you so much for helping us collect advent calendars, we have more than 140 with more to still come in and they will make the children very happy" The refugees were not expecting any of this to happen this year, so are so grateful for all of your generous donations! Thank you so much, we know how much this will mean to those families living in refuges and also all the children in the outreach programmes. Thank you again!!

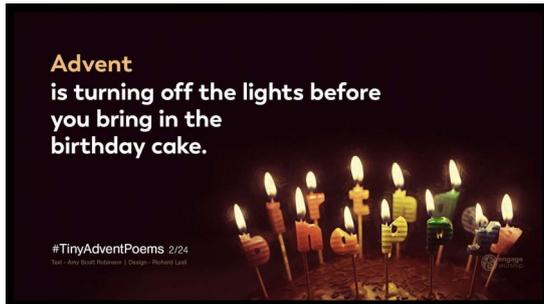


Collective Worship

Next week our worship theme is Advent. We will be using the idea of the Jesse Tree as a way of preparing for Christmas by journeying through the stories on Jesus's family tree. The Jesse Tree tradition is rooted in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."



Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king. And Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse's family tree. Each story has a matching symbol which represents a story from within this family tree and a step toward the birth of Jesus. Traditionally these symbols are then hung on a branch or small tree through Advent.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal Christmas 2020

EXTENSION FOR RETURN – FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER

We have 7 lovely shoeboxes ready to be sent off for the OCC shoebox appeal and we have enough items to fill another 2. There has been an extension because of the latest lockdown so shoeboxes or items can still be donated up until Friday 4th December.

If you would rather donate a few items rather than a whole shoebox then please do send items in and the PTFA will fill as many shoeboxes as they can. There is a collection box in each classroom and in the community room



Suggested items to bring in -

Small toys, yo-yos, skipping ropes, puzzles, balls, dolls etc

Pens, pencils, sharpeners, notebooks, colouring books, calculators etc

Toothbrush, flannels, soaps, hairbrush, comb, socks etc

Hats, gloves, scarf, hair clips, sunglasses, jewellery and £5 donation

Due to Covid-19 the preferred method for donation is online where possible.

Please enclose a suggested donation of £5 cheque/cash in the box, to cover admin costs of sending the box or pay online <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/follow-your-box-donation/>

Reception Snow Painting



The children in Reception have used their fingerprints to make fantastic pictures of a snowy scene as part of their weather topic. We think they look fantastic!

Achievers

We are still managing to meet up on the playground, despite the colder weather!

Well done to:

Mason, Freddie, Elsie, Lillie-Mae, Isla, Annabelle, and Lucia from Squirrel Class



Summer and Michael from Fox Class

Lily, Libby and Thomas from Owl Class

