



Dear Parents,

Now we've entered the season of Advent we're busily preparing for Christmas and are taking the opportunity to engage in daily reflections and prayers, written by the children which have formed our class advent calendars. The school is currently a hive of activity with concert rehearsals in full swing and we're looking forward to sharing these with you in the final week of term.

The children in Early Years recently visited the Discovery Centre at the cathedral to take part in an Advent workshop and learn more about the Christmas story through Godly Play. They also had a chance to try on different coloured vestments worn throughout the different seasons in the liturgical year. They have then returned to school and had the



opportunity to make crib scenes using their new found knowledge about Jesus' birth. It was lovely that Mrs Bainbridge was able to accompany the trip too. She's been in school again this week and has had the



opportunity to continue to get to know the children. We are looking forward to welcoming her properly to the Early Years team in January as she was unavailable to join us in September. The children in year 4 have also joined together with pupils from other schools in our Catholic pyramid this morning to celebrate with an Advent Service at St Benedict's.



Cambodian Kindergarten Donations

You may have read in the letter sent home on Monday that we are currently asking for donations of a number of items that we will be sending out to Cambodia with a group of parishioners. We have been delighted to see that already we have had items donated to our collection box. Thank you for your quick response. Donations of white school shirts, picture books, small soft toys and whiteboard pens can continue to come into school via the office up until the end of the term.

As you're aware we don't charge for tickets to attend the end of term Carol Service or performances but instead this year we will have a collection basket at the end of each of the performances with all donations being sent to support the teaching and provision in Peak Snaeng Kindergarten in Siem Reap, Cambodia.



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Girls Active Camp

On Tuesday a group of Year 5 and 6 girls went to a Girls Active Camp with our school PE leader, Mr Daghish. The aim of the camp was to encourage young girls to get their classmates more active.

At the start we were introduced to the leaders. One of the instructors was Danielle 'Nolli' Waterman who played in the Women's Rugby World Cup and it was really inspiring to hear her stories. The morning was full of physically active activities and fairly deep group conversations. We talked about role models and drew what we thought they should be like. In the afternoon we planned and delivered a campaign to encourage girls to be more active.

It was a really fun and inspiring day and we will try our best to now encourage our school to help girls reach their full potential in sport.

Written by Finola (one of the girls who attended)



Polite reminder!

All children are expected to have been wearing their full winter uniform since October half term. For pupils in Year 1-6 that means wearing a white shirt and school tie. We have had a few children wearing a polo shirt or arriving without their tie in recent weeks. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform items. School ties are available to purchase along with all other uniform items from Aubyn Davies in St John's Street, Bury St Edmunds.

Christmas Jumper Day!

Don't forget next Friday we are raising money for the WiSH Upon a Star charity appeal. Swap your school jumper or cardigan with a festive jumper and bring in £1 to donate to this fantastic local cause.

Diary Dates

Tue 11th Dec	EY-Yr5 Flu Immunisations
Mon 17th Dec	KS2 Carol Service - 2:15pm
Tue 18th Dec	EY/KS1 Dress Rehearsal 2pm
Wed 19th Dec	EY/KS1 Concert—2pm
Thur 20th Dec	EY/KS1 Concert—6:30pm
Thur 20th Dec	Whole School Mass 9:10am
Fri 21st Dec	Last day of term (including Christmas lunch)
Fri 4th Jan 2019	PD Day (Children not in school)
Mon 7th Jan 2019	Children return to school

