

Newsletter ~ Term 2, Week 3

Charitable Giving

A very big thank you and well done to all who contributed to the Children in Need fundraising on Friday, especially to those involved in year 4's efforts to make the day a special one. The total raised was £303.99.

Tyntesfield



Our year 1 children were delighted to be greeted by a familiar face upon arrival at Tyntesfield this week. One of our governors is a regular Tyntesfield volunteer and is pictured right leading one of the activities. The children had a super day and behaved brilliantly. Well done to all the children and thank you to the grown-ups who organised the trip and helped out on the day.

Merit Certificate Awards

Will, Izzy, Aleena, Rubie, Ella, Dotty, Eloise, Sarah, Daisy, Maisie, Heidi and Harry

Well done to you all!

Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is on 1 December and to mark the beginning of Advent we are asking our children to make an Advent wreath at home and bring it to school to be blessed by Father Reg at a special assembly on **Friday 29 November**. The traditional wreath consists of a ring of evergreen greenery, 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white candle. The white candle is placed in the middle of the ring and the other four around the edge. Each part of the wreath is symbolic and we will remind the children of this during the assembly. Last year the hall was filled with Advent wreaths and it would be lovely to have even more this year. Children should bring their wreath to school on the morning of the blessing and take it back home for use in the four weeks up to Christmas.



If you have any spare greenery in your gardens, it would be gratefully received, as we make wreaths for our classrooms and school entrance hall. Please bring it into school during the week beginning 27 November.

Anti-Bullying Week

Children have been working in their classes this week on preventing bullying and learning how to deal with bullying when it occurs. There are many useful resources on the web to support learning about bullying and it is always good to talk to your children about this painful and serious topic. Our message to the children is always 'tell, tell and keep on telling until you get the help you need'.

Here are some of their thoughts:

Sometimes bullying can be calling names... TJ

You say 'stop I don't like it' if someone is hurting you'...Poppy

If you see someone being bullied, tell an adult for them...Amy

Tell the nearest adult...Joe

You need to treat other people as you would like to be treated...Marley

I play with people who are lonely...Ben

If I see someone bullying somebody else, I will tell them to stop...Dorian

I try to get people to be friends again...Heidi

Week Beginning 25 November

Tue 27: Year 1 toy museum – parents / carers welcome from 2.45pm

Fri 29: Advent wreaths in school

Sat 30: Friends' Christmas Fair 11am-2pm

Parish News

St Francis' Church has invited us to sing a carol at the crib service on Sunday 15 December at 4pm. I believe a very special red-clad visitor and mince pies are on offer as well as a chance to join the parish in re-telling the beautiful Christmas story in reading and carols.

If your child would like to participate, please email me at school to let me know.

And Finally



*We join our diocese this year in celebrating the **Year of Communion**, which begins on the first Sunday of Advent. Our prayer team will be leading much of the work we do throughout the year and they and Miss Parry have received some special training to help them lead their work here at school.*

More news about our school prayer activities and special prayer events will follow as the year progresses.

To love is to be in communion with the other and to discover in that other the spark of God
Paul Coelo