



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th December 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This week in school we welcomed the season of Advent. The theme for our collective worship was 'Hope'. The children were able to reflect on their own hopes for the future. These hopes seem even more poignant during the current climate.

Parent consultations took place this week and will continue over the next couple of weeks. It has been a pleasure for staff to be able to converse with you and provide an update of the progress made during the Autumn Term. The children have responded to and adapted so well to every aspect of school life embracing every learning opportunity.

We have been overwhelmed by your generous donations to the Cause Hamper appeal. If you still wish to donate, collections will continue until Friday 11th December.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox



Faith Space

Y3/4B led our virtual worship this week. They really helped to encapsulate what we need to do in this season of Advent to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. We all now know that we are waiting for the Messiah to come to each of us – and we keep remembering the lyrics “I will wait” too!

As we are currently unable to send home travelling cribs, a page has been set up on our website entitled <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/virtual-travelling-crib/> where links for 'drag and drop Nativities' and Nativity colouring pages have been shared. There is also a short act of worship, which you may wish to use at home together. If you have any images of your virtual cribs at home, please email them to school and we will share them on this page. Check the website (underneath the 'Our Faith' tab) for other virtual prayer activities and experiences in lieu of our usual preparations.

Thank you so much for all of your donations so far for the CAUSE hamper appeal. Your generosity is a sign of true hope and solidarity to those people around us who are very much in need.

Upcoming feasts: 2nd Sunday of Advent 6th December; The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 8th December

Year 6

Christmas has arrived in Year 6 this week - the children have thoroughly enjoyed decorating our two class Christmas trees, making decorative stars and beginning our topic of Advent in RE.

They have also been so generous, donating to our Christmas CAUSE Hampers Appeal. Thank you so much.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions of different denominators, and in English, we have been analysing the changes in emotions, characters and events throughout our novel, 'Private Peaceful'.

The theme of World War One continues throughout our work, where in History, we have been researching the role of women in the war. We have also seen some fantastic examples of drawings inspired by WW1, which some of the children have been producing in their own time! As always, it is wonderful to see how enthusiastic and motivated they are towards their learning.

Year 5

This week we have been busy preparing for Christmas through our Advent topic in RE. We have discussed the symbolism of the Advent wreath and the significance of the Jesse tree to Christ and have even made our own Jesse tree to decorate in the classroom. In English, we have come to the end of our class novel, Friend or Foe.

We have produced newspaper reports and reviewed the story in depth. In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions: finding equivalences; ordering and comparing; and converting mixed numbers and improper fractions. We have continued to work on securing times tables' knowledge too. In Science, we have explored the dangers associated with electricity and how we can use electricity safely within our homes. In PE, we are working on our passing and moving skills and making great progress with this. We linked History and Geography to learn more about the impact of the Blitz on London landmarks and explored America's involvement in WW2. Finally, we have been overwhelmed by your generous donations to our CAUSE hampers. Thank you so much!

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Year 3 / 4

This week Y3/4 have enjoyed a range of creative activities to help our learning. In English, we are learning all about Greek Myths and Legends, linking this to our ancient Greeks History topic. We loved holding our Magical objects and using them to write our own Myth story. The stories were first planned, then discussed, before finally writing them down and they were truly fantastic!

In Maths, we secured our knowledge and understanding of the properties of 2-d shapes, focussing on quadrilaterals and different types of triangles. We made shape robots, named them and described their properties too.

In PE, we are loving both our topics of Netball and Basketball and our skills are developing well, along with our understanding of the rules of these games.

We have begun our new RE topic, which will take us to Christmas. The children are loving learning about welcoming visitors into our homes. They understand that welcoming Jesus at Christmas time is just as important.

We want to say a big thank you for all your generosity so far with our hampers.



Year 2

This is the week we welcomed December! It is unbelievable to think that December is here already - time is certainly flying by. It has been a week linked to "Hope" as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus. We began our new topic in RE "Preparing" thinking of all the ways in which we prepare ourselves during this special time of the year. We know that we are getting ready to receive the gift of Jesus. We continued reading George's Marvellous Medicine. The children are thoroughly enjoying this text and have had the opportunity to create some wonderful, creative magic potions! We linked this text to our artwork too using kitchen roll, water and felt tips to create the vapours in the inventing room! Within Maths, we are further developing our skills in Multiplication using arrays and applying skills and knowledge to solve word problems.

It has been lovely to speak with so many of you during our parent consultations this week. Thank you for your continued support and generous donations to the CAUSE hampers.



Year 1

This week in Year One the children have been working really hard both in school and at home using Google Classroom. We have continued our work about dinosaurs in English by exploring the features of non-fiction texts. The children have learnt some new vocabulary such as caption, label, diagram, contents page, glossary and index. They have identified these features in non-fiction books in school and have drawn their own dinosaur diagrams with labels. In maths, the children have been revisiting their knowledge and understanding of place value; looking carefully at the value of each digit when partitioning using a part whole model.

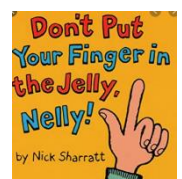


EYFS - Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have loved exploring rhyming words!

We read the story 'Don't put your finger in the jelly, Nelly!' by Nick Sharratt. We have thought about lots of different rhyming words and what a rhyming word is. We have started our new topic in RE- 'birthdays'. We have discussed the special time of advent and what it means.

We have loved opening our class advent calendar each morning as each day the excitement for Christmas rises!



Advent has started in Nursery! The Sacred Space now has the purple cloth on the table and we have learnt that purple is the Church's 'getting ready' colour. We know that Advent is the time when we get ready for Jesus' birthday on Christmas day. We have a paper Advent Wreath on the wall and we have 'lit' the first candle. The children are enjoying taking turns with the Advent calendar each day too.

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