



ST EDWARD'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

We cannot believe we have reached the end of our penultimate week of this term. Please find below a reminder of important dates and information relating to activities taking place next week:

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - **Christmas Lunch**
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - **Sponsored Reindeer Run for Teesside Hospice**. Children can come to school wearing Christmas jumpers or festive colours (uniform not required but please wear suitable footwear). Please return sponsor forms and donations **on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - **Christmas Party afternoon**. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes. Party afternoon this year will include lots of party games and fun. No food or donations will be required.

Now please enjoy reading about all the wonderful learning that has taken place this week. Have a restful weekend and continue to keep safe.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox



#### Faith Space

Please keep checking the school website for 'virtual' prayers and activities that are in lieu of our normal preparations. This includes our 'virtual' travelling cribs. If you have any photos from the travelling cribs activities and prayers from the website or even your own cribs at home, please email them to school if you are happy for them to be shared online.

This week, our faith outreach is provided by Y1R – from home! Thank you so much for helping us in our Advent worship during your isolation! This can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>

Once more, we would like to say a huge thank you for your generosity for the CAUSE hamper appeal. You are providing a powerful message of hope to those in need in our community.

As always, we continue to remember the request from the Bishops' Conference to pause and pray daily at 6pm for an end to the pandemic and those affected by this ongoing crisis.

Upcoming feasts: Our Lady of Guadalupe – 12th; 3rd Sunday of Advent – 13th; St. John of the Cross – 14th

#### Year 6

Another productive week has drawn to a close in Year 6. The children have continued to show motivation and dedication towards all of their work. They have particularly enjoyed designing their own Christmas cards in their sketchbooks; we have seen robins, candles and even festive reindeer!

In Maths, we have been tackling lots of reasoning problems, as well as continuing to add and subtract fractions. They are loving the challenge that this brings! In English, we have written pieces of narrative all about 'Going over the top' in the trenches, including dialogue.

The children have also completed a 'mission' this week, in Geography. We had to plot 6-figure grid references in order to locate German planes in Enemy Airfields, as part of our WWI topic. They also had to identify the symbols and keys to help us with our mission.

Absolutely fantastic!



#### Year 5

Year 5 have really enjoyed exploring Coming Home, another of Michael Morpurgo's short stories with a very Christmassy theme. The pupils have been working on their sentence order by manipulating clauses and using figurative language to express mood and atmosphere. We have continued with the festive theme in history, looking at the impact of war on Christmas celebrations. In RE, we considered Mary's feelings and beliefs during the Annunciation. In Maths, we have continued to work on fractions and the link to decimals. Our classrooms have been as busy as Santa's workshop, creating Christmas cards and 2021 calendars for the children to bring home next week. We look forward to the last week of term next week and are so proud of all the hard work and effort of each and every one of you.

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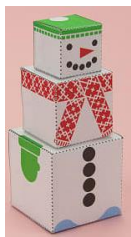
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### Year 3 / 4

This week has been another great week! Y3/4 children have been working very hard. They have continued with geometry in Maths and built some festive snowman nets. In English, the children continued to learn more about different Greek myths, which they really enjoyed. In RE, the children continued with the Advent topic of



Visitors and explored the story of The Annunciation and The Visitation.

In PE, the children have continued to develop ball skills in netball and basketball.

Well done Y3/4!



### Year 2

This week we completed our work linked to George's Marvellous Medicine. The children enjoyed mapping out George's emotions throughout each chapter thinking about how his feelings changed towards Grandma. The children worked fantastically well to discuss reasons for these changes using ideas and information from the text.



They are not only becoming great text detectives searching for clues but also great number detectives using their reasoning skills in Maths! They have been able to complete some tricky multiplication problems.



There has been some lovely work produced during RE based on the topic "Preparing" thinking about how they can be ready to receive the gift of Jesus. It really has been another busy week in school with lots of new learning taking place. A huge well done to you all in Year Two!

### Year 1

It has been another successful week for Year 1, both at home on Google Classroom and in school. The children in school enjoyed an extra-long basketball session on Tuesday, which helped them to continue developing their skills with dribbling, shooting and passing. Don't worry Y1R, we will be back in time for our basketball session next week! We have read a new Christmas story called Dear Santasaur, which is all about a T-Rex in a museum. In order to give every child the opportunity to see what a museum is like inside, they were able to experience a virtual tour of a dinosaur and natural world exhibition. It was lots of fun to see giant fossils and preserved butterflies! The children have written lists and letters to Father Christmas based on the text. As Advent is well underway, we wanted to give the children an opportunity to experience what it feels like to wait. The children were challenged to wait 5 minutes before devouring a special treat.

One pupil said,  
"I can't look at it, I just want to eat it!" 😊



### EYFS - Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have enjoyed lots of different Christmas activities. We have played a Santa listening game outside, where we had to prance like Prancer, dance like Dancer and run away when we heard 'Santa is coming'. We have discussed and acted out the Nativity story in the classroom and talked about what our gifts to Jesus will be during Advent. We have learnt all about the Advent wreath and the importance of each candle. We are looking forward to lots more exciting activities in our last week of term!



Patterns ... patterns ... everywhere!  
In Nursery, we have had lots of fun being 'Pattern Detectives'! We have found patterns in so many different places and have been practising making repeating patterns - even Christmas patterns!

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