



Loving minds ♥ Hearts ♥ Hands

# Weekly Newsletter



## Advent Reflections



Advent reflections continued this week, as Y5 and Y6 invited us all to stop for a moment and focus on the true meaning of Christmas. We have all had time to think on how we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Advent reflections.

## Christmas Clothes



The school looked very festive with everyone in a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours today. Thank you to everyone who brought in a gift or money for the Early essentials charity. This will go a long way to helping as many women as possible, with a newborn baby, especially at this time of year.

## Festive Cheer



Our school choir were in fine voice yesterday as they brought some festive cheer to Ashley Care Home. They demonstrated what wonderful voices they have and were a great credit to the school. They will have the opportunity to perform again on Monday at the Hidden Gem.

## Friday 13th December 2019

## Mock Election



The year 6 children went around the classes on Thursday representing the main political parties in the General Election. They each had 60 seconds to persuade children to vote for their party. The final school results were different to the national results as Labour came out top in school with the Conservatives getting the least votes.

## Winning Class



Well done to Year 1 who had the best attendance for this term. They really enjoyed their special treat - a pizza party lunch. Mmmm! Let's hope that next term another class gets to enjoy this treat for being in school.

## After School Activity Clubs

Next week, all after school activity clubs are cancelled. Letters for clubs have been given out. All clubs will start again the first week back in January.

Please note that After School Club is open from Monday to Wednesday next week but **not** on Thursday.



## Christmas Homework



There will be no maths or English homework for the children this weekend. Instead, we would like the children to make Christmas Party hats for the Christmas lunch on Wednesday. The best hat from each class will win a prize!

## Winning classes

Attendance Punctuality  
Yr 1 Y2 & 6  
Lunchtime Waste Y6

## This week's Golden Ace winners

- N Hadassah
- R Zayn
- Y Tamzin
- 1 Charlotte
- 2 Angel
- Y Lilly
- 4 Samir
- 5 Grace L
- 6

A = Achievement  
C = Commitment  
E = Effort

Well done to all the Golden ACE and Good to be Green Winners today. They have demonstrated a fantastic attitude to their learning and to one another which makes them excellent examples to everyone.





# Advent Calendar of Events

The final week of a very busy half term has arrived. We are all very excited about the wonderful events in store.

We look forward to as many parents as possible attending the activities, assemblies and performances next week. Please see the timetable below for dates and times (There have been some amendments from previous newsletters).

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity Dress rehearsal School Choir performing at the Hidden Gem Christmas Pantomime - whole School
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Christmas hat competition. Christmas Party afternoon (Children can come into school in their own clothes)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance in school. (Tickets only) 2pm - KS2 Choir concert at St. Ambrose Church. Parents invited
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Mass at St. Ambrose church. Parents invited If children wish to send Christmas cards, today is the day! Carols Around the Crib School finishes for Christmas 1.30pm. <b>Please be prompt to collect your children</b>

## Children's Challenge Section

### Reading Challenge

1. Which day is After School Club not on?
2. Why did children wear Christmas jumpers today?
3. What time does school close next Thursday?
4. Why did Year 1 have a special dinner?

### Maths Challenge

**Puzzle time**  
Christmas tree

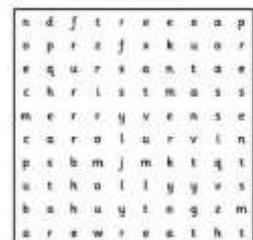
Put the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 in the bottom layer of baubles on the Christmas tree. They can be in any order.

The next layer is the result of adding the two numbers below it.

.....and so on up the tree.

What order on the bottom line will give the highest possible total at the top?  
Clue: there is more than one possible way.

### Christmas Word Search



carol Christmas holly  
merry presents Santa  
star tree wreath

