

Dear Parents and Carers

We are busy getting ready for Advent and Christmas and wanted to let you know about the activities we have planned:

- We have sent home a 'My Day by Day Infant Advent 2020' book for your child to enjoy during Advent.
- During the Advent season we encourage the children to think of others less fortunate than themselves. Our Advent Charity this year will raise money for Ilakya, a Dalit girl who we sponsor to attend Kathryn's Mercy Home School in Devakottai, South India. Without our sponsorship Ilakya would not be able to attend school. During the pandemic the children have not always been able to attend school, but the school have been teaching online as well as providing food parcels for their families, including Ilakya's family. **We would like to ask the children to do some small jobs at home during Advent for which they could earn a few pennies to put towards our sponsorship. The children can put their earnings into our Advent Calendars which will be near the Early Years playground gate and the main entrance door.** We will also be grateful for any donations parents and carers would like to make towards Ilakya's sponsorship. If you would like to find more about Ilakya and Kathryn's Mercy Home let us know and we can send you some information.
- There will be a post box in the foyer from 1st December for children to post their cards to other children (please include class name on cards to children) and adults in the school. So that we can quarantine the cards before sending them home the final posting day will be Monday, 14th December.
- On 3rd December we will celebrate Christingle at school, starting with a Christingle assembly, the children will then make Christingles, which they will bring home with them. They will also be taking part in some other Christmas craft activities.
- We are planning a 'The Night before Christmas Story Telling' evening on 11th December from 5.00 – 6.30pm when the children will be able come back to school dressed in their pyjamas and listen to stories with a Christmas theme.
- On the 16th December we will have our Christmas Lunch at school and the staff will be eating lunch with the children. It would be lovely if all the children could share in our meal. A ParentMail form will be coming to those who usually have packed lunch to ask if they would like to have a hot dinner on this day. We will share a Christmas film in the afternoon, with some snacks. The children can dress in their own clothes for this day.
- Our term will end on 18th December with a Christmas worship after lunch followed by an early finish to the day. Please collect:
 - Otter Class at 13:50, and
 - Owl and Woodpecker Classes at 14:00
- We won't be doing a Christmas production in the usual way this year, but we have some surprises in store for you.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Advent and Christmas Season.

Kind regards

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Head of School