



*First Sunday  
of Advent*



*Hope*

“You too must stand ready because the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Matthew 24:44

Eternal God,  
you will come when we do not expect you.  
Help us to welcome you now in one another,  
to reach out to our sisters and brothers  
in need of care and support.  
And in this way  
may we be found ready,  
when you come again in glory.  
Amen.

Daily reflections and prayers throughout Advent:  
[cafod.org.uk/adventcalendar](http://cafod.org.uk/adventcalendar)

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## Message from the Headteacher

The Christmas season is definitely upon us.

As normal, the children are very busy practising for their Christmas productions. Filming will be on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of December and DVDs will be available to order via parent pay from next week. Thank you to all the parents who have been busy making/buying costumes, unfortunately this year we were unable to use the school costumes so thank you very much for your help.

I would also like to remind parents that the Christmas lunch is being served on 16<sup>th</sup> December. You may book a lunch via Parent Pay. Bookings must be made by the 9<sup>th</sup> December, even if your child normally has a hot lunch on a Wednesday.

On Wednesday as you know, we had a whole day in school where we focused on the use of spoken language. Across the school there were some wonderful activities happening, including: debates, filming recipes for a Youtube channel, modelling barvember problems with maths equipment, creating Stone Age crowns with natural materials, using money in maths, sports and singing. It was wonderful to see how well the children were communicating with each other and the rich and wide language that was being used. Thank you to Mrs McGeehan who organised the day, it was a great success.

A huge thank you to the parents who have put themselves forward to be parent governors, Mrs Flashman has sent out pen portraits written by the candidates as well as ballot papers. Ballot papers will be collected at the gate from Monday, closing date is 9am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

We collected 47 shoe boxes for the shoebox appeal a huge thank you to everyone who donated a box.

Also a big thank you for your generous support of Children in Need and the Poppy Appeal. With your help we raised £508.50 for Children in Need and £351.99 for the Royal British Legion.

It is the first day of advent on Sunday, Advent reminds us of the sacred meaning of Christmas. At this exciting time of year, Advent reminds us to remember and prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

## *‘Well Done’*

*to the following pupils who received special awards this week:*

**Reception – Luna, Teddy, Kiara**

**Year 1 – Max, Clemmie, Oscar A**

**Year 2 – Leo, Grace, Luca**

**Year 3 – Arlo, Ave, Amelie**

**Year 4 – Sienna, Poppy L, Josh**

**Year 5 – Ethan, Adrian, Xavier**

**Year 6 – Harvey, Lucas LT, Lucas KS**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Autumn Term	
Throughout November	Barvember Maths Challenge
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December (9am)	Deadline the return of ballot papers
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Recording of Christmas Productions
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and Class Parties
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas at 12.05pm</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Return to School
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline for 2020-21 Reception Applications
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Reception and Year 6 Height & Weight checks
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Return to School