

### Deace

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

God-with-us,
you came and made your home
among us,
nurtured and protected
by Joseph and Mary.
As we prepare to celebrate your birth
be with us now,
especially with those
who are seeking refuge,
who long for a place to call home.
Comfort and protect them, O Lord.
Amen.

Daily reflections and prayers throughout Advent: cafod.org.uk/adventcalendar



#### Message from the Headteacher

We have come to the end of this long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well earned rest. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark weather of the season. As Christmas draws closer, it is inevitable that our minds start, albeit briefly, to drift away from the hard work of our day-to-day school business, to the festive period itself. Let us remind ourselves, that this is one time of year when it is commonplace to find the spirit of human kindness alive and well. Let us embrace this by ensuring that we enjoy ourselves safely, but also take time to look out for those nearest and dearest to us and those less fortunate than ourselves.

I am sure that pupils, parents and carers would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff, PTA and governors for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the children of the school. Likewise, we the staff, governors and pupils would like to thank all parents and carers for all your support. Last, but in no way the least, we the rest of the school community thank our pupils — you are indeed some of the best pupils I have ever had the pleasure of working with. I pray for and wish everyone peace and happiness in all homes and families during this holiday season — may we all be safe and keep healthy.

All that is left, is to wish you and your families a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

## "Well Done"

to the following pupils who received special awards this week:

Reception – Jasper, Lily Year 1 – Harris, Brooklyn, Kiara Year 2 – Harry, Olivia J, Ivy Year 3 – Alice, Sam, Whole Class

Year 4 – Lily- Mae, Nathan, Cayzer

Year 5 – Ingrid, Freya, Xavier

Year 6 – Megan, Jacob, Felicity

#### Reading Challenge

The School Library Association are running a winter reading challenge suitable for primary-age students. If you would like to take part, please follow the link.

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-2021

# Christmas 2021

#### Christingle

On Tuesday, Year 3 retold the Story of the First Christingle to their parents and carers. They shared how John De Watteville started this tradition many years ago and how it is still part of the festivities at this time of year. Also, they performed their Christmas Carol Song of 'Away in a Manger' with the addition of 'Shine Jesus Shine'. During their performance of 'Shine Jesus Shine'; their Christingles were lit to represent how Jesus lights up the world.



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Autumn/Spring Term	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Assessment Week
HALF TERM	21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3.10 – 5.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3.10 – 5.50pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closes for Easter at 12.05pm