

# St. Cecilia's Catholic Infant & Nursery School

## Newsletter November 2021



### Advent - Getting Ready for Christmas



On Friday 26th November teachers and children began the preparations for Christmas by going in to the hall for a special Advent service led by Mrs Walsh. There were two services one for Early Years and one for Key Stage 1.

The children are very excited to think about Christmas and talked about the many preparations that have to be made so that we all have a wonderful time.

The Advent Service is a lovely opportunity to think about ways that we can 'Be Ready' in our hearts for the gift of Jesus at Christmas time.

Children gather, listen to readings from the Bible and respond to what they have heard in song and prayer. Each class have their own Advent Wreath that will be placed at the centre of the Prayer Tables and provide a beautiful focus for our Advent prayers and reflections.

### Virtual Open Evening

We tried our first virtual open evening this term and there were successes and some teething problems. A number of meetings went ahead smoothly and others couldn't access the platform for various reasons. We had positive feedback from parents/carers who did manage to talk to the teachers but we acknowledge this wasn't the case for everyone. Hopefully next time will be easier or we will be face to face. Thank you to all who did their best!

### Photographer

The photographer was in school for all children on Friday 12th November. If you would like to purchase your child's photograph then please return the proof to school together with the money by **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.



### World Kindness Day 2021

World Kindness Day took place on Sunday 13th November this year. We celebrated this important day in school on Friday 12th November with children talking about how we can be kind to others, how kindness makes us feel and we tried hard to be kind friends. We also spoke about how our school motto 'Love one another as I have Loved you' reminds us to be kind to others.



### World Nursery Rhyme Week

The children in Nursery have been having so much fun over the last couple of weeks with lots of Nursery rhyme activities for 'World Nursery Rhyme Week'. They enjoyed learning songs, acting out songs and rhymes with props and even dressed up as their favourite characters for a special party at the end of the week. It was lovely to see the children dressed up and having such a fun day!

### Go Green for CAFOD

Thank you for supporting our 'Go Green' event. The day was filled with lots of fun and informative ways of tackling the climate crisis and protecting our planet. We were impressed with the children's knowledge of the environment and how they can help to look after the world around us. Thank you for your generous contributions towards raising money for CAFOD. This will be used to support communities protecting the Amazon Rainforest and tackling climate change.



### Royal British Legion Poppies

The children enjoyed raising money for the Royal British Legion and were very enthusiastic about buying poppies, snap bands etc. School Council were also involved in organising the fundraising and did an amazing job. We raised £166....well done!



### Attendance & Punctuality

Thank you for your continued support in our motto/phrase of 'Come Every Day, Come Early'. As we begin to prepare for Christmas, we hope your children will be in every day to enjoy the many exciting things taking place across school! Our current whole school attendance is **95.7%**

### Christmas novelties

Once again, this year we are selling Christmas novelties in school as a fundraiser. We will be selling a wide variety of child friendly Christmas toys. Please see overleaf for prices.

