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Dear Family

Your child has brought home their Advent candle which they made this week. Please encourage them to colour in one number each day for the countdown to Christmas.



RE: We have been talking about Advent being a time for giving and preparing for Christmas. Today we learnt that it was St Andrew's day and they were told he was a friend of Jesus, one of his Disciples.



**Nursery Nativity:** The performances will be on Wednesday 12th December at 11.00am for morning children and 2.30pm for the afternoon children.. The children come to Nursery at the usual time.



**Reverse Advent Calendar:** We will be organising a Reverse Advent Calendar to help those people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Instead of taking something away, you add something each day! So if you are able to make a donation of dried food or long-life food, please send it in to school starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We can then add something to our box in school every day.

**Topic: Colours: Black, White and Grey Week:** We have had a busy week in the Nursery, investigating the colours black, white and grey. The children have been colouring and drawing pictures using these colours. They have painted pictures using black and white paints and have been discovering what different shades they can make.



**Literacy:** This week the children have been practising tracing, copying and writing their name on their work. We have listened to stories on Bug Club and the children have been encouraged to listen and answer questions on the text. Please remember to use Bug Club at home.

**Maths:** The children have been practising recognising numbers to 1-24 while they have been making their Advent candles. We have also been playing games and singing songs using 2D and 3D shapes. Please look for these shapes at home and while you are out. Thank you.



**Physical:** We have been encouraging your child to hold their pencil correctly while writing their name.

**PSHE:** We enjoyed another session with 'Jenie' this week as part of our School's PSHE curriculum, 'Jigsaw'. We listened to the chime bar ring to see how long the ring lasted as an introduction to the session. Then the children passed round 'Jenie' and told her something they thought they were good at. We talked about everyone being good at different things and that we are all 'Special', unique and different.

## Internet Safety



This week we watched the clip again on Espresso and to re-inforce the necessity of being careful when using computers, phones and tablets. We reminded them that they should only play on these when Mummy or Daddy is with them.



**Lanterns of the week:** This week's 'Lantern of the Week' in our morning session are Emily and Netanya. The 'Lantern of the Week' in our afternoon session are Malachi and Tejess. Well done to all of them for trying hard in their activities, being a kind friend and for helping in the nursery this week



**Library Books:** Please remember to return your child's school library book in their book bag on Thursday. Thank you.



**Show and Tell:** Some children like to bring toys from home to show us. As we don't want them to get forgotten, lost or broken we have now introduced a 'Show and Tell' time. If your child would like to bring in a toy on a Friday to show to the children and talk about it, please can you ensure their name is on it and we shall have a box for them to put it in. This activity can improve your child's confidence and speaking skills. Please can you discourage your child from bringing in toys on the other days. Thank you.



**Christmas Bazaar:** Our Christmas Bazaar is this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December in St Bede's Church Hall from 12.00 – 4.00pm. Thank you again in advance for your support. The Parents Association are working very hard to make the event a success. We look forward to seeing you.

## Reminders:



**Clothes:** Please can you put your child's name in their coats, hats, scarves, wellies and gloves. If your child wears wellies or boots to school can you bring in their trainers to wear inside. **Please return any nursery clothes as soon as possible.**

## Some dates for your diary:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- PA Christmas Bazaar- Church Hall.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Nursery Nativity

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas jumper day.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Party and the End of Term for Nursery children.**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – School and Nursery commences.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Sleigh, Mrs Conneeley.