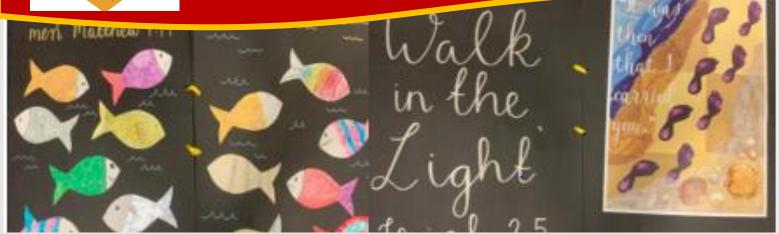


# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## "Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

## A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers.

As the festive period approaches, the calendar seems to get busier and busier! We have sent out lots of letters this week for various events that are happening during Advent. We would be grateful if you would return the reply slips as soon as possible so that we are able to organise these events effectively.

Earlier this week, Year 6 visited the cinema to watch 'The Railway Children Return'. They all enjoyed the film and were complimented on their behaviour and attitudes whilst representing our school. Some of our Year 2 pupils attended the Pacesetter Games 'Winter Olympics' event today and enjoyed participating in all the different events. They each received a certificate and were awarded 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place in the competition.

The PTFA have lots of events happening in the lead up to Christmas. Today is the final day for Krispy Kreme doughnut orders and orders can be collected next Friday. You will also receive information regarding the Christmas Film Nights via ParentMail in the coming days.

Some of our younger children today have brought home a 'Travelling Crib'. These will go home with our pupils in Early Years and Key Stage One each evening during the Advent season. Please share lots of photos with us!

Have a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Marum

**Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion** 

#### **December Dates for your diary...**

2<sup>nd</sup> December – PTFA Doughnut collection day (pre-order required)

**7<sup>th</sup> December** – 'A King is Born' Nativity performances at 9.30am and 2.15pm (Reception-Year 2)

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – Our Lady Immaculate Feast Day Mass at 7pm at the Cathedral; PTFA Christmas Film Night for KS2

9th December – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation as a guide)

**12<sup>th</sup> December** – Advent Reflection at 5pm at the Cathedral (pupils involved to arrive at 4pm)

**14<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery Carols at 11.15am and 2.45pm; pupils' Christmas Dinner; St Claudine Class singing at Eleanore House (PM)

15th December – PTFA Christmas Film Night for Nursery-Year 2

16th December – Last day of term

#### **Term Dates**

#### **Advent Term**

Term ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### **Lent Term**

Term starts: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Term ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Half Term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023-Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Term starts: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Term ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Find the calendar here.

#### **Nursery PE**

Our Nursery Class have been developing their gross motor skills in travelling, jumping and

landing. They have become more confident when balancing and climbing on and jumping off the apparatus and holding different positions.



#### Year 1 Geographers

Year 1 have put their listening skills to the test in their Geography lesson. They practised directional language, such as: left, right, straight ahead and turn to give one another directions to follow. This helped them to understand the use of compass points and that direction is the

course along which someone or something moves.

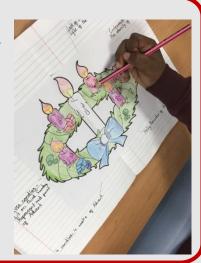




#### Light the Advent Candle...

In St Catherine of Siena class this week, they have been learning about the significance of the Advent wreath as part of their learning in RE, producing a guide for younger pupils to learn about the significance of the candles, their colours, the circular shape and the fact that evergreen leaves are used.

Next week, we will have our Advent wreath proudly on display in the Hall.



#### **CAFOD Catholic Social Teaching Workshops**

Chris, from CAFOD – who is also one of our Governors – visited St Gregory's on Tuesday to deliver workshops about Catholic Social Teaching to lots of our pupils. Our Catholic faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation; this is what underpins everything we do in school and is truly reflected in our mission: 'Walking Together in the Light of the Lord'. Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in Scripture and is our moral compass, guiding us how to love out our faith in the world.

During the workshops, the children learned about some of the different principles of Catholic Social Teaching and spent time considering how they will put their faith into action.



#### **Advent Reflection**

The four Catholic schools in the town of Northampton are joining for an Advent Reflection on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

The St Gregory's Choir, GIFT Team and St Bernadette and St Claudine Class have been asked to represent the school.

The invitation to attend the Advent Reflection is extended to our whole school community and can be found at the end of toddy's newsletter.

This event is always a wonderful way to mark the season of Advent.



# Advent Reflection

Monday 12th December 2022 at 5.00pm The Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Thomas of Canterbury, NN2 6AG

