

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Dear all,

Despite the dreadful weather the children have had a lovely week and there is definitely evidence of Christmas rapidly approaching around school!

### **Advent Calendars**

As it is the start of December this week I gave all the classes a chocolate advent calendar this week but to run alongside the chocolate I also gave every child a 'St Joseph's Spread the Happiness' calendar. This is to encourage the children to do a kind deed a day to make themselves and others feel happy. It would be lovely if you could join in with this and encourage the children to take part.

### **Running Club**

Well done to all our runners, you have been amazing at coming week after week, come rain or shine. Many thanks to our helpers and especially Mrs Turner for making it possible. Due to the stage being up and Christmas commitments, next week (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December) will be the last running club for this term. It will resume on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. On 5<sup>th</sup> December children are welcome to bring Santa hats/suits to run in!

### **Poppy appeal**

Many thanks to everyone who bought poppy items. We raised an impressive £160.09 for the British Legion.

### **PTA events**

This is a reminder that as a parent you are automatically a member of the PTA. This means you are always welcome at any PTA meetings or events and your help is always appreciated. Without enough helpers, unfortunately they cannot run as many events. We have a couple of events coming up before Christmas, if you are available to help please see the PTA Chair, Esther, or ask in the office and we can pass your details to her.

Many thanks to everyone who helped at and bought tickets for the PTA film night. It raised £144.53.

Slips have been sent out about the Christmas present room. This always proves really popular so please send back your orders and slips asap to ensure enough gifts can be brought.

We are having our Carols around the Christmas Tree event on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm.

Afterwards, the PTA are going to be selling refreshments in the hall. We would be very grateful if you could send in cakes, Christmas treats, biscuits etc on the morning to be sold at this event.

The PTA have kindly been donated an enormous teddy bear (approx. 4ft tall!). They are selling tickets for 20p for the children to win the bear. Tickets can be brought in school or the PTA will be selling them on the school gates at different times depending on the weather! The winner will be drawn at the Carols around the Christmas Tree event.

### **Upcoming dates:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Beach safety assembly 9.10am

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Cherry and Willow class lantern making

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – FSU visit to Pennywell Farm nativity

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Rowan and Sycamore nativity performance 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas lunch

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Willow and Cherry class Advent Service 6pm in school

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Rowan and Sycamore nativity performance in Church 10am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Maple and Beech Advent Service in the Church 6.30pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30 pm Carols around the Christmas Tree followed by refreshments in the hall.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school before Christmas holiday.

### **Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Headteacher's awards:** Oak – Tilly, Quinn, Finlay, Sycamore – Dean

**Gospel Value Bronze Awards:** Oak – Quinn, Brooke, Sukie, Rowan – Chloe, Emma, Cherry – Amelie, Bella E, Beech – Laura, Rafa, Louis, Jack

**Star of the week Awards:** Oak - Louie, Rowan - Daisy, Sycamore - Dean, Cherry - Mylo, Willow - Isabella, Maple - Jack, Beech - Maddison.

**Breakfast club Award:** Imogen