

St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 15th December 2023



In this week's Gospel, John prepares the way for Jesus and announces that Jesus is more powerful. Advent is a time for getting ready for us to prepare the way for Jesus.

Will we be ready to announce His arrival, like the angels on Christmas Day?



Father God,

As we get ready to welcome Jesus,
Open our hearts to listen to your Word.
Open our hearts to share your love.
Help us to be messengers of your love
Through all that we say and all that we do.

Amen

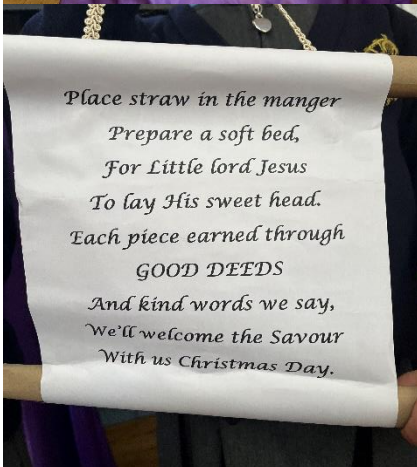


The Good Deed Manger

There is no better gift we can give to Jesus than being good and doing good.

At the beginning of Advent KS1 children were invited to prepare for the birth of Baby Jesus using The Good Deed Manger (empty manger and hay) Children were encouraged to perform good deeds and selfless acts of kindness in the days leading to Christmas.

Through their good deeds they have performed, children can earn hay to put in the manger so Baby Jesus will have a cosy bed on Christmas morning and He will sleep on their acts of kindness.



For their advent homework children were tasked with creating a picture of The Nativity story. This could be any scene e.g. Mary and the Angel Gabriel, Jesus being born in the stable, The Three Kings or the Shepherds.

Have a look at some of their amazing designs displayed around the school...



Congratulations to Ava & Kayleigh from Year 6 and Milla & Czarina from Year 3 who are through to the second round of BBC's 500 Words competition. We are keeping our fingers crossed and will keep you updated on the results....

This week we say goodbye to Miss Deleary from Year 4, we thank you for your time here and wish you all the best for the future.

Mrs Sadiq will be returning to school in the new year and I'm sure you will join us in giving her a warm welcome back!

Christmas Raffles!

The FOSJ will be hosting three raffles next week, one at each of the Nativity performances on the 19th December and the other at the Carol Concert on the 18th. Tickets will be sold before each event.

There are three hampers up for grabs filled with Christmas goodies – Good Luck!

Remember we break up for Christmas on Wednesday 20th December at the earlier time of **1.30pm!**

St John's Catholic Primary School Nativity 2023

We hope you are all as excited as us for next week's Nativity show. Please arrive at least 5 minutes early (more if you want to purchase raffle tickets).

Any one arriving after the start time will be denied entry so as to not disrupt the performance. Please note due to limited space in the hall we cannot accommodate pushchairs.

Video and Photography is strictly NOT permitted – We shall be sharing some images via our website and Instagram shortly after.

We hope you enjoy the performance that all the children have been working very hard on!

As this is our last newsletter of the year we want to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy & holy Christmas.

We will see you back in the new year on **Tuesday 9th January 2024!**