

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Tudor times by Year 1 – a Yule log and a Christmas pie

## Preparations continue

Victorian, Viking, Tudor and even a Christmas celebration from the future are the displays that are now decorating the school hall, on the theme of 'how Christmas has been celebrated through history'. They are beautiful. Try to take a look when you can.

## Advent fund raising – giving to our neighbour.

With Advent and preparations for Christmas gathering momentum we will now see how we can help our neighbours in distant lands by helping with the CAFOD 'World Gifts' campaign. So we know that if we raise £20 it will pay for chickens who will supply eggs to a family to eat or to sell. £28 could buy a goat which again will supply milk to drink or to sell as well as being a source of fertiliser for the soil.

£65 would provide a pig that could be raised for selling at the market and £150 could provide a cow. A cow could provide milk to drink or sell, and could provide calves for the future.

All the funding for the farm animals listed would also provide training for how to look after them properly too.

So our classes are getting their thinking hats on, for how we can afford some of these gifts, to our neighbours far away.

Closer to home, thank you to everyone who supported the own clothes day today in support of our colleague (see last week's newsletter).

## Choir Carol Singing

The children will be singing in the Aylesham Shopping Centre next Tuesday after school, from 3:45 to 4:15. Everyone is welcome, please come along and join in!

## Important dates for this term

**Christmas Nativity Play** (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

(the dress rehearsal will be just for the school children, the day before)

**Christmas Tableau** (Years 3,4,5 & 6)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

This takes place in the church (all children are expected to attend accompanied by a responsible adult).

## Poppy Appeal

We received a 'thank you' card from the British Legion this week for this year's collection where we raised just over £100. Given the shorter period we had for selling the poppies this year, it represents another generous effort. Thank you.

## Pupils of Achievement

The Academic Theme this week is: 'Maths: shape, space & measure'.

The children were as follows:

Year 1: Faith E & Victoria

Year 2: Danielle & Filip

Year 3: Joshua & Rebecca

Year 4: Britthany & Leona

Year 5: Givanni & Vanessa

Year 6: Victoria & Artemeus

The Personal Attribute celebrated this week was 'To know how to be a good friend'; the Gospel link: 'Love your neighbour'. The following children were chosen: Nebi, Sara, Mason, Princess, Kenzie, Esther.

The Handwriting Award's this week went to:

Moyor, Pdraig, Roxanne, Ethan, Chinaza, MacAnthony

*Well Done Everyone*