

Good afternoon and welcome to our first bulletin of advent. In worship this week we lit the first candle on the advent wreath and welcomed Deborah and Marina from St Michael and All Angels Church to share information about key figures in the Christmas story. This continued during our reflections class worship throughout the week.

Goadsby Estate Agents also kindly donated a Christmas tree to the school this year. Some of our Year 5 pupils helped Mrs Almond decorate the tree this week which can be seen in our main corridor.

Just a reminder that the PTFA Hamper Raffle Tickets can be purchased on ParentMail up to and including 8th December. The draw will take place on 9th December.

On Monday (5th) we welcome the Sustrans team for a 'Dr Bike' session. Starting the day with fresh air and exercise really aids with learning whilst also reducing the number of cars. Cycle in to receive a breakfast snack and a bike MOT free of charge. Pupils riding or scooting should wear high visibility clothing and a helmet.



As the temperature continues to fall the temptation to stay out of the cold increases. This is seen primarily by an increase in car travel. Please prioritise pedestrians, bikes and scooters. In particular please do not block or park across the crossing outside of school. This poses a risk to our children who are attempting to cross the road.

Also on Monday (5th) Year 6 Pupils will be taking part in a STEM Workshop in Science. Each tutor group will spend one lesson during the day working with an external provider and staff on a STEM activity.

Miss Lynn will visit us on Monday, she will meet her new class - 7JJ - and spend time in classes and meeting staff ahead of her start in January. The handover between Miss Joyner and Mrs Weir is also taking place. Both members of staff will hit the ground running in January.

Next Friday (9th) we will hold our Christmas jumper day. This has always been a lovely opportunity to start the festive season in school - with our Christmas lunch and carol services to follow in the last week of term. Please note this is NOT a mufti day - the children should be in full uniform but with a christmas jumper instead of or in addition to their school sweatshirt should they choose to take part. Those who have PE on Friday will need their PE kit in school too. This is free of charge to take part in.



Recently, our sports leaders have undertaken additional training to support them with working with younger children in the school. They worked in groups, organising and planning activities for Year 5 & 6 pupils to take part in at lunchtimes. This is in addition to the range of clubs and inter house competitions being run at lunchtimes.

Our year 7 and 8 netball teams went to Cranborne Middle School on Tuesday to play against their teams. It was a great experience for all of them. All the girls played extremely well. Our year 8 team won 11-4 and our year 7 team lost 11-7. Cranborne have asked for another match in the new year. Well played everyone!

Our choir, musicians and readers have been very busy this week preparing for our Carol Service - this will be on Tuesday 13th December at 19.00 at St Michael and All Angels Church. This will be a great opportunity to welcome parents to join us and enjoy the work of our talented performers.

With the end of term quickly approaching now is a good time to remind you of the end of term arrangements. The last day for children will be Thursday 15th December with school finishing at the usual time of 15.20. School then reopens to children on Wednesday 4th January.

Great to finish on some exciting news. Congratulations to Miss Howe and Mr Foord on the safe arrival of their baby daughter this week.

We wish you all a great weekend,

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker