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Our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love as we set sail for success.







Prayer

This Sunday marks the 2nd Sunday of Advent in the Catholic Church. As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, may I encourage you to pray an Advent prayer with your children. In the lead up to Christmas, your family may also like to consider using an Advent Calendar with a daily reflection, or completing some of the advent activities from the links below.

Children's Advent Prayer

My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me. Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I can change the things that You want me to change.

Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you. Please pray for me that I may do the same.

Come, Lord Jesus, I love You,
Jesus.
Amen.

CAFOD Interactive Advent Calendar:
https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar

CELEBRATE's Online Family Pack for Advent
www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks It's packed full of

Gospel Values

Every person is a valued member of our community, invited to follow Christ's call to a life of love, hope and forgiveness. We respect and support each other to live in peace. We embrace challenge and develop the courage to create a better world for us all.

School Vision

We believe that even with God's love we can sometimes experience challenges. Just like our patron saints, Mary and Peter, they experienced difficult times in their life that took strength and perseverance to overcome. At our school, we value this challenge and encourage children to experience it, knowing that together with our support and love, they will experience a successful outcome be it in an academic subject or through social experiences. We are all exploring our own talents and each day we

things to do, pray, read and watch to help families prepare for the Feast of the Nativity.
The Advent Matchbox Manger is a prayer resource that can be used in families, schools and in children's liturgy. Children can download and cut out the manger and baby Jesus.
www.celebratetrust.org/celebrate-prayer-resources

Dates for mass

We would be delighted if you could join us in school for our Advent mass on Friday 13th December at 10am with Father Alvan.

Return to school - Mrs Goddard

Many of you have already seen me around school this week, and I am thrilled to inform you that I have returned to SMSP. It has been lovely to see the children again and be back in time to share Advent with the whole school family.

Mini Vinnies

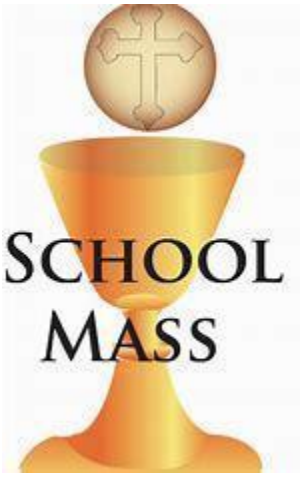
The Mini Vinnies were busy spreading Christmas cheer on Monday 2nd December. They created Christmas cards for the residents of Gresham and The Gables care homes and sang lots of festive songs.





In addition, the mini Vinnies have been busy litter picking and bulb planting around the school grounds to show stewardship in action as they care for the environment.

'Set Sail for Success'



he next whole school Mass will be our Advent Mass on the 13th December at 10am. You are all welcome to join us.







Sounds 4 Christmas

On Tuesday 3rd December, 9 children from Year 1 and 2 represented SMSP at the Sounds 4 Christmas Schools' Carol Concert. They sang beautifully and had a wonderful time with Miss Brooks and Mrs Graham at the Drill House in Great Yarmouth. They were particularly excited to meet the mayor!





Book Donation

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Card Factory for their generous donation of books to the school for Christmas. They are amazing quality and we are grateful to have the support and generosity of local businesses in our community.

Jolly Jog

A reminder that next Tuesday is the Jolly Jog for Nursery and Reception classes. The children from these 2 classes should come to school in uniform as normal but can bring additional Christmas accessories to wear for the jog if they wish. Please can we ask that any sponsor money that has raised is brought in by Friday 13th December. All proceeds raised will go towards new outdoor equipment for the Early Years.

Safeguarding - Christmas Performances

Please can we ask that there are no pictures and no filming of the Christmas performances. The class teachers will take pictures of the children in dress rehearsals and will make these available to parents. We have several children in the school who cannot be photographed and whose images cannot be used or shared. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Christmas Dinner/ Jumper Day

We will be having Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18th December. To make the event feel more festive we have decided to combine it with Christmas Jumper day. So on that day all the children can wear a Christmas Jumper to school. **Don't forget to order your dinner!**





Important Dates for your diary

Advent Mass Friday 13th December 10am

Christmas Concert – Year 1 to Year 6 Monday 16th December 1.45pm

Christmas Concert – Nursery - Y6 Thursday 19th December 10am

I you have not booked a ticket you must call the school office before Thursday 12th December (NO BOOKINGS AFTER THIS DATE)

School Christmas Fair Thursday 12th December 3 - 4.30pm - NO CLUBS ON THIS DAY AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED.



If any one has any gifts that they have been given that they would be able to send in for the tombola we would be very grateful.

Tables – if you know anyone that would like a stall at our Christmas Fair then they would need to contact the office and book a table.

Christmas Bake Off

If you would like to enter the Christmas Bake Off competition you will need to bring your entry to school on the morning of the Fair. They will be judged during the day and then the cakes will be sold off during the fair.



Nut Free School

Please remember we are a nut free school. It is very important that you do not send your child into school with nuts as we have a number of children who have a severe allergy.
