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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

Loving God, we give you thanks for all the good things that you have given us. Inspire us to share what we have so all people may live a full and happy life. As Christmas approaches, we look forward joyfully to your coming. Help us to share what we can so all people may have what they need. Amen.

Children's Advent Prayer

The following can be taught as an action prayer. Make a cross with two pointer fingers at the word 'Christ'. Then point to the body part indicated, and make a motion which signifies looking, listening, making etc.

Christ be in our eyes and in our looking,
Christ be in our ears and in our listening,
Christ be in our hands and in our making,
Christ be in our minds and in our understanding,
Christ be in hearts and in our loving.
Amen

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

Advent Mass

Thank you to everyone who joined us in school for the Advent Mass on Friday 13th December. Children from across the school shared their Advent promises and we prayed that 'people will remember the real meaning of Christmas.

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

Lord, Help everyone to remember that the reason we celebrate Christmas is what happened in that stable 2000 years ago. It is about giving and not receiving. Giving our time to help others, giving our money to those who need it and giving our time in prayer to you.'

Jolly Jog

Well done to all the EYFS children who took part in the Jolly Jog. You raised an impressive £839 in sponsorship so far. The children even had a visit from Santa who jogged along too! A big thank you to Tesco for kindly donating selection boxes for all the participants and to the Card Factory for giving each child a book.





Christmas Stay and Play

It was lovely to see so many parents attending the EYFS Stay and Play sessions last week. The children loved sharing their activities with you and the parents looked like they were having a brilliant time too!

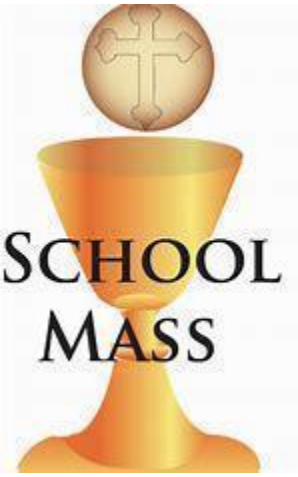



Christmas Performances and Donations



Well done to all the children this week for two excellent performances. We had everything from a choir of donkeys and a live action poem to some classic pop and a traditional nativity. Thank you to Matthew Hardy for his support with rehearsals and accompaniment and to all of you amazing

'Set Sail for Success'



The next whole school Mass will be our Epiphany Mass on the Friday 10th January at 10am. You are all welcome to join us.

parents for your brilliant donations. We have raised over £320 from the two performances.

Christmas Dinner/ Jumper Day

The children enjoyed a hearty Christmas Dinner on Wednesday and particularly liked being waited on by the staff! Thank you to our fabulous kitchen staff for cooking up a treat and to all the adults who were involved in service.




Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Christmas Fair. We had a great variety of stalls and some brilliant performances from the children during the event and raised over £780.




Year 6 DT session at East Norfolk Sixth Form - report by Crystal

On Tuesday 10th December, Year 6 went to the East Norfolk Sixth Form College to do DT activities. They built a Lego Ferris Wheel that could be programmed to spin and built some sturdy bridges out of paper, some capable of withstanding a calculator placed in the centre of it. Additionally, they created some fun rollercoaster rides out of art straws and masking tape. Everyone enjoyed the trip and learnt a lot about designing and creating rides.





Important Dates for next term:

Monday 6th January - Staff training day

Tuesday 7th January - Children return to school

Friday 10th January - Epiphany Mass 10am

Fridays - Year 4 swimming until half term

Friday 14th February - last day of the half term

Safeguarding

It has been brought to the school's attention that there have been issues this week regarding a Year 6 Whatsapp chat group. The age limit for the app is 13 years old, therefore the advice is that the app should be deleted. If images are being shared without consent, this should be reported immediately to the social media site and, if necessary, to the police.

Community Support over the holidays



Childrens' Services 0344 800 8020

https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas

https://www.networkyarmouth.co.uk/Articles/176135/Network_Yarmouth/Action_Zones/Social_Action/Open_Christmases_feed.aspx

https://www.greatyarmouthmercury.co.uk/news/20995919.empire-gives-back---free-christmas-lunch-yarmouth-venue/

--https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/useful-contacts/
