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Dear Parents,

It has been a bit of the shock to the system to have such cold weather after we have had a fairly mild autumn. A reminder please to ensure your child has their school coat everyday. Woolly hats must be school ones (from Cladish) and gloves and scarves must be plain navy or black please.

A huge congratulations to Mr Judge and our footballers who enjoyed their second win of the season on a very chilly Wednesday afternoon, beating Regina Coeli by 3 goals to nil.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in donations for our Mini Vinnies 'reverse' advent calendar. Please do keep your donations coming in so we are able to donate a lovely hamper from each class.

Our Year 2-4 students have their PTA Disco this afternoon, thank you to everyone who has helped to make all of these events happen over the last few weeks. We also have our PTA Elfridges Event coming up on Dec 8th with students able to select small gifts for family members. Do keep an eye out for more details on this next week.

A reminder our Junior Christmas Carol service takes place on December 1st from 6pm—and our Year 3-6 students have been working hard to learn all the carols and readings. We look forward to seeing parents there for what promises to be a lovely start to the festive season as always.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Alban

This week— 210

Total—1220

Edmund

This week— 173

Total—1192

Wulstan

This week—146

Total—1171

Mayne

This week—165

Total—1165

Dates for your diary

- Friday Nov 21st—PTA Disco Yrs. 2-4 3.30-4.30pm
- Friday Nov 28th—Y6 Class Assembly 9am
- Monday Dec 1st —Junior Carols 6pm (3-6)
- Friday Dec 5th—Nativity Plays 9.15 & 11am
- Monday Dec 8th—PTA 'Elfridges' Event & Panto
- Tuesday Dec 9th—Y4 Trip to St George's Cathedral
- Friday Dec 12th—Break up 2pm (no clubs or Late Leavers)



The Catholic life of the school



In our Celebration of the Word assembly this week we reflected on our Jubilee Promise and all we have achieved in this special Jubilee Year. We looked forward to the Jubilee Day of Celebration today and reflected on how we can continue to live out our Jubilee Pledge with renewed hope.

Pilgrims of Hope

We joined with children around the country this morning for a live stream celebration assembly on this Jubilee Day of Celebration to reflect on our Jubilee Pledges and successes for this special year.



Mini Vinnies



As you are aware, the Mini Vinnies have launched their Christmas fundraising event.

They are challenging each class to create a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' with donations from all students. **We would like each student to give a gift for someone in need which will become part of a class hamper to be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society in Brixton at the end of term for those in need this Christmas.** Thank you to everyone who has brought donations so far.

This event is running from Monday 17th to Friday 28th November and we are accepting donations of **food, toiletries, sweets, biscuits, chocolate and shop-bought cakes (with a sell by date of at least 31st December 2025)** and we are hoping each class can collect at least 24 items, so we can donate 8 hampers. At the end of Advent, Mrs Hall and Mrs De Rosa will deliver all the hampers to the St Vincent de Paul Society community support project in Brixton, for them to share with the people who need them most. Your support is very much appreciated, thank you.

Nursery

It has been a busy and exciting week for Nursery who have been focusing on stories. Each day this week, we have listened to a different story and participated in a variety of activities to reinforce our knowledge. Stories and activities included:

- **'Room on the Broom'** - answering questions to reinforce understanding. We also enjoyed pretending to create our own spells using our wands.
- **'The Ginger Bread Man'** - we enjoyed completing a science experiment, extending our vocabulary and questioning, using different props to re-enact the story.
- **'Goldie- Locks and the Three Bears'** in Spanish.
- **'Jack and the Beanstalk'** - we followed instructions to colour the correct amount of beans.
- **'The Three Little Pigs'** - answering questions to reinforce our knowledge of the story. We also used a variety of materials to design our own house. How could we make it stronger? Would the wolf be able to blow the house down?



Reception

It's been another busy week! As our topic this term is Celebrations, Reception have been busy making cards for Mary to say thank you for giving birth to Jesus.

Today, we celebrated the end of the Jubilee Year. We watched a little of the live stream, made bunting and wrote postcards of Hope - we also reminisced about the Big Lent Walk around the

playground!

Rehearsals for our play Shine Star, Shine are well underway and roles have now been allocated - ready to be sent home this evening.

We also had a lot of fun seeing the snow fall on Wednesday!

Finally, a big thank you to all our Reception parents who have kindly donated to the Mini Vinnies Christmas Hamper. There's still time to donate food, treats, or small gifts if you haven't already!



Year 1

This week in RE, Year 1 children learnt about the different meaning of each candle during Advent. They labelled and coloured the Advent wreath in the correct colours.



Year 2



Year 2 have enjoyed learning all about the great Fire of London and made these amazing collage pictures in Art this week.

Year 3

This week in Science Year 3 have been exploring different soils. They used their scientific enquiry skills to identify the characteristics of four different soil types to help them name and identify the type of soil. They then began to plan an experiment to find out which of the soils is the most absorbent. They began to think about variables and how we can carry out a comparative test.



Year 4



This week, Year 4 learned about Angel Gabriel's visit to Zechariah in the temple. To explore the story creatively, the children worked in pairs and chose different ways to retell the events:

Some wrote letters from Zechariah to Elizabeth, imagining his thoughts after meeting Gabriel. Some created illustrations of Angel Gabriel. Others wrote and performed play scripts, acting out the scene in the temple.

The class showed wonderful creativity and teamwork — well done, Year 4!

Year 5



Year 5 are enjoying their topic all about The Titanic and have produced some amazing posters in Art this week.

Year 6

Year 6 have been finding out about life in the trenches on the Western Front during WW1 and were particularly moved by the accounts of the Christmas Day truce. They have been writing letters home as if they were a soldier describing the events of that day. Their letters are up on display in our classroom.



Dance Stars



Well done to our Year 2 dancing superstar who achieved 3rd in the 'Stage Age 6' category at the Sussex Dance Festival.

Well done also to our Year 4 dancer who won 2 golds, 1 silver and a technique award recently.



Stars of the week

