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Dear Parents

We have had a great week at St Mary's, thank you to all the parents who joined us for our 'In November we Remember' service on Tuesday, it was lovely to see you all.

We hope all the children that had Christmas cards printed through IQ cards were pleased with them, this fundraising project raised £135.30 for St Mary's so thank you very much.

### **Mary and Joseph**



Would your family like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent? Their bags are packed (in a lovely small bag) with an activity for the night. Dates are filling quickly, please sign up at the school office.

### **Next Week**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we will have our parent's workshop about Forest School at 9.00 am in our Kidszone building, all are welcome.

Also on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> we have our Christmas Stories evening 5.30 to 6.30 pm, children are invited to come along in their pyjamas and a Christmas hat if they would like, this will start in the school hall.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Father Barry is leading Mass at St Mary's at 9.00 am, all are welcome to join us.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December our Year 4 class are going to the 'Journey to the Stable' at the United Church in Dorchester during the morning, children will need warm coats and sensible shoes as they will be walking into town.



## **Following week**

Our Nativity plays are on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, you will have a letter detailing which day your child(ren) are in the Play, all children will need a packed lunch on both of these days, please either order online with Food Links or send your child in with their own packed lunch.

Tickets for the plays are attached to the letters coming home; each family will receive two tickets for the afternoon performance and two for the evening performance for the day that their child(ren) are in. If you do not require all of your tickets, please return any you will not need to the school office in case other families would like to request more.

Thank you for all the event reply slips that have been returned to the school office, please return any remaining slips for the Christmas shop, school party and the Christmas Stories & Carol Service.

## **Advent**

We will be having a daily Advent Reflection at St Mary's at 3.00 pm each day from next Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December until Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December (except for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> as this is the whole school Christmas party day). You are very welcome to join us on any of these days.

## **Advent Donations**

We would like to give an Advent donation to the local Food Bank, if you are able, please could your child bring in an item of non-perishable food in a tin or package that can be delivered to the Food Bank for Christmas. Children can bring the food in on any day and the last day for donations would be Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Advent Activity Books**

In your child's book bag you will find an Advent activity book kindly given to us by Father Barry. We hope your children enjoy doing the activities and learning about Advent.

Yours Sincerely

*P. Fearn*

Mrs Paula Fearn  
**Head Teacher**