



As we continue to think about the great Saints that have gone before us, it is important to recognise that we are all called by the Lord, in our own way. In his publication, 'Rejoice and be Glad', Pope Francis reminds us how we can all live our lives as Jesus wanted. "To be holy does not require being a bishop, priest or religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayers. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves."

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

21st November	Rowling & Wilson Class Liturgy, 9.05am
24th November	SA Christmas Fair, 1-4pm
28th November	Open Morning for prospective parents, 9.30am
9th December	South Berks Singers Concert, 4pm
10th December	Dress Rehearsal, 1.30pm
11th December	Foundation & Infant Christmas Concert, 1.30pm
12th December	Foundation & Infant Christmas Concert, 1.30pm
13th December	Infant Christmas Lunch
14th December	Junior Christmas Lunch
14th December	Assessment Reports sent home
18th December	Junior Carol Concert, 2pm & 5pm

### **IMPORTANT**

#### **Foundation & Infant Nativity Booking**

A letter is being sent via parentmail today regarding the booking of tickets for the nativity performances.

**Please read this letter very carefully regarding the booking process.**

**Booking will not open until the 21st November.**

**Tickets must be booked and presented or admission will not be allowed.**



### **Junior Backpack**



Following a request from our School Council we will be introducing a backpack as an option for our Junior children. After receiving very positive feedback from our "product testing team" the backpack will have several different compartments, a water bottle holder and has red piping on the edges. The backpack will cost £12 and will be available in January. If you wish to pre-order one, please complete a Uniform Order Form along with payment.

### **Christmas Holiday Club**

Please see the attached flyer for details of the Funtastic Kids holiday club over the Christmas holidays.

I hope you have all had a chance to view the lovely poppies that have been on display at the front of the school. The children really enjoyed making them and over the past two weeks have spent a considerable time, within their lessons and class worships, reflecting on the great sacrifice made by so many men and women, in our times of war.

We have had lots of excitement this week as work has begun on our new Foundation Stage Garden. Although we are experiencing a small amount of disruption on the playground during the works it is fantastic for the children to have the opportunity to watch a project evolve from start to finish. Weather permitting we hope to have our grand reopening at the end of this month.

This was a bumper year for applications to take part in our Mini Vinnies group. We had so much fun reading them, they were inspiring, touching and extremely well written. Those chosen to take part will be informed shortly.

Next Saturday is our Christmas Fayre; I know the SA team have been working really hard to ensure everyone has a fantastic time. Please do come along and support the school; the staff will be manning the bar, our wonderful choir will be singing and a certain seasonal celebrity will be in attendance so there really will be something for everyone!

Best wishes,

*Mrs Nikki Peters*

Headteacher