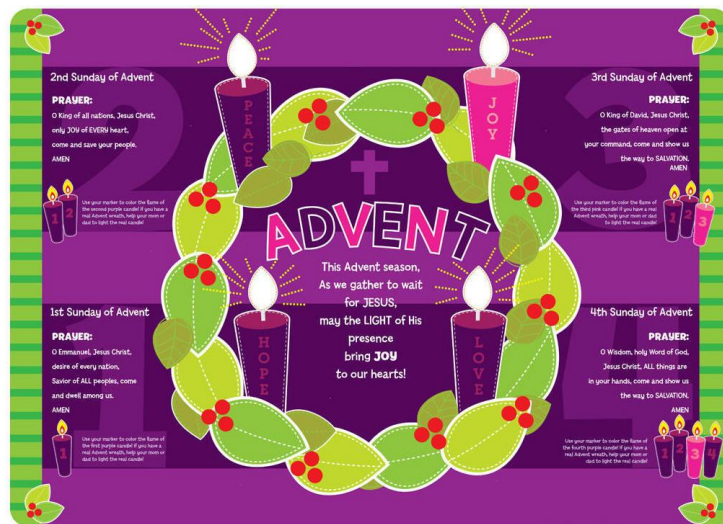




Dear Parents and Carers

We have been getting ready for advent with various advent calendars in classes and some of our Year 5 children have made our advent wreath which we will be lighting each day running up to Christmas. Some of our children are lighting an advent candle and saying a prayer each day as they prepare for Christmas.



Office Closed

The school office will be closed for a large part of the day tomorrow. We do have a member of staff who will make every effort to answer calls and/or respond to answer phone messages. We apologise for the slight disruption. Please do leave a message if you want to inform us about any changes to bus/clubs/attendance. Thank you for your understanding.



Children's Christmas Dinner

Please can you ensure your orders for Christmas Dinner are completed by 1pm on 9th December. Please note we cannot order Christmas dinner after this point. Mrs Lyall will help anyone who has not used Wisepay regularly or who has forgotten your password. Please note we will be wearing uniform on this day but encourage everyone to wear a Santa Hat to school and during the school lunch.

Movember

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our Movember campaign. We will announce the final amount raised via the just giving site and with direct donations very soon!

Food Bank

Think Tank are working hard to start their food bank which we will be running throughout the year. We have a basket in school which can be added at any time including the PTA fair.

Christmas Cards

I know how much we our children like to give Christmas cards to various members of the school. Could I please ask that on the envelope, children write the class and name of the child and possibly where appropriate the letter of their surname as we have various children with the same name. We have one post box in school and we will be distributing the cards throughout the week at the end of the day, which need to be in the put into the post box. (We are asking children to wait until they are home to open them to reduce the opened envelopes being left on the yard and around school). We are unable to provide class lists with children's names many apologies.



Helping our children – Tablets and Laptops (Keyboard Skills)

With the development of touch screens and tablets we are increasingly aware that our children are not as proficient in their keyboard skills. We provide many opportunities in school to help children practise these skills which are very much needed still. For all of our children, especially those who are in Reception and infants and those who find spelling challenging we are making a special effort to encourage improved keyboard skills. If you feel this is an issue for your child, do please find time to support your child's keyboard skills.

If your child uses IDL Cloud in school they will be able to access the typing skills section in the software. You can also help by using the BBC touch type programme.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr#z34thyc>

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Student dissertations and assignments

Over the past few weeks we have had various requests from students at various universities and colleges to take part in questionnaires or conduct observations of our children. To do so we always ask the parents of the children to give permission. Some parents and teachers will be completing questionnaires over the next few months based on subjects ranging from design technology, ICT, playground behaviour, specific needs etc.. You may receive a questionnaire or permission slips over the next few weeks/months. As a school, we would like to support student learning but we also make every effort check out and discuss these projects with the students before they go to staff or parents. Do contact your child's class teacher if you are unsure about any questionnaires you may receive or observations that may take place.

Christmas Fair

Please do come and join us at the Christmas Fair and thank you very much for your generous support of the event and donating items for the fair.

Many thanks and have a wonderful weekend.

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As part of the staff's support for men's health we are support Cancer research UK. If you would like to support us please donate to our just giving site.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/St-Marys-CE-Primary>

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