



# MESSSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

#### **Advent Decoration Day & Advent Eucharist Service**

This week, the whole school came together for our much-loved Advent Decoration Day, and St Anne's was filled with festive joy from start to finish. Every class took part in a day of creativity, music and Christmas cheer.

Year 5 had great fun crafting their own wreaths in the outdoor classroom, surrounded by the scents of pine, cinnamon and oranges. Class R enjoyed their very first Decoration Day at St Anne's, creating a wonderful range of festive crafts that now brighten their classroom. Class 4 also showcased their creativity—one of our core school values—as they produced beautiful Advent decorations to share with their families.

It was a delight to welcome so many parents to our afterschool gallery, where the children proudly displayed their work. The sound of Christmas music echoing through the corridors and the smiles on everyone's faces made it a truly special day.

We were also blessed to begin the season of Advent with our Advent Eucharist Service, led by Revd. Busk. Our heartfelt thanks go to him for delivering such a meaningful and reflective service.

Looking ahead, we are very excited for Christmas Lunch next week. Children are busy designing sustainable Christmas hats as part of a School Council competition, and our school choir will be performing for the whole school as everyone enjoys their festive meal together.

A magical start to Advent at St Anne's! Best wishes Mr Farrell We are very proud of our Kitchen Team, Fiona and Rob who have successfully maintained our 5 star rating this week!



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## CLASS 3

Class 3 are enjoying making some Origami, the traditional Japanese art of folding paper to create sculptures.









### CLASS 5

For a festive Advent Decoration Day, Year 5 had great fun making their own wreaths. The outdoor classroom was filled with excitement, Christmas songs and festive scents of pine, cinnamon and oranges. Look out for them on front doors around Godmanchester!











CLASS 6

Year 6 really enjoyed Decoration Day. They spent the day listening to Christmassy music, making wreaths and creating dotty art Christmas paintings.



# E Safety: Protecting Ourselves Online

# **Body Image and "Likes"**

Social media can make children think their value depends on the number of likes or comments they receive. It's important to remind them that online approval doesn't measure their worth. Encourage children to celebrate their strengths and achievements offline, where likes and followers don't matter.

#### **PTA NEWS**

#### **Hamper Donations**

Thank you to those who have already brought hamper donations into the office. Please keep them coming! We are after items such as smellies, sweet treats, homewares, festive gifts, decorations, etc. Please give according to your child's class colour:

Class R - Gold

Class 1 - Silver

Class 2 - Purple

Class 3 - Green

Class 4 - Red

Class 5 - White

Class 6 - Orange

#### **Purchasing your Hamper Raffle Tickets**

These will be available to purchase before and after school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> outside the school office. It is £2 per strip - please bring correct change if possible. Tickets will also be available to buy at the two Nativity performances, and at the Christmas Fayre. The winning tickets will be drawn at Christingle.

#### Further donations.....

- If you are having a clear-out before Christmas, please send in any re-giftable items you may have for our ever-popular Pre-Loved Stall which we will be running again at the Christmas Fayre new and sealed games, toys, adult gifts, smellies, candles, arts and crafts, boxed homewares etc. etc.
- We also need your donations of bottles and cans (soft drinks, alcohol, shower gel etc) for our Christmas Fayre bottle stall.

Mums and Dad's Present Buying
Please see attached poster - it's a lovely opportunity
for your child to buy you a little surprise gift to put
under the Christmas tree for you! Please ensure
children bring exact change, in a sealed envelope
clearly marked with their name and who they are
buying for. Up to three gifts per child, £3 per gift. Please
hand the envelopes to the class teacher on the day.

#### Also.....

- Please save the date for our PTA Christmas Fayre after school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- For those attending Nativity plays (Reception/KS1), the PTA will be selling hot drinks and mince pies at this event, as well as Hamper Raffle Tickets, so please bring cash.

# Stall during school hours and can choose up to three special presents for their parents/carers. • £3 per gift - maximum of 3 gifts per child • Please send the exact money in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name, the amount enclosed, and who they are buying for. • Envelopes should be handed to teachers before 15th December. (Unfortunately we are unable to give any change.) Each gift will be beautifully wrapped and ready for your child to place

PTA's Christmas Gift Buying at St Anne's:

the Christmas tree - a magical surprise to open on Christmas Da

On 15th December, the magic of Christmas arrives at St Anne's

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fete 3.45pm - 5.45pm
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Parent Present Buying
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity 2.30pm
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle - 9.30am
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - LAST DAY OF TERM