



Thy Word Is A Lamp To My Feet And
A Light To My Path

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Advent is such a special time at a church school and children have enjoyed learning about this time and Christmas in collective worship, through our Advent service and RE lessons this week. Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas and is the first season in the church year. In this time, Christians remember when God came 2000 years ago in the person of Jesus, but also to look forward to the time when he will come again. Children have also learnt about some Christmas traditions around the world.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fayre on Friday and to Emma, Ursula, Samina, Regina, Jane, Louise and all the other parents who worked so hard to make it happen. There were some very generous tombola donations and it was lovely to see such a fantastic turn out. I think everyone in attendance will agree it was a lovely event enjoyed by all!

Wishing you all a very peaceful Christmas and a joyful New Year, see you on the 7th January (nursery 8th) at 8.50am
Ms Braithwaite

Nativity at St Mark's Church

We held our school Nativity at St Mark's Church last week with a record number of parents coming to watch! A big thank you to the staff and children from Emerald, Sapphire and Ruby classes for their amazing planning and performances, along with the beautiful singing. Unfortunately our new vicar Rev Trev was too ill to attend but I'm sure he heard the singing from the vicarage! The Nativity helps us to remember the Christ in Christmas and to celebrate the birth of Jesus into our world. Happy Birthday Jesus!

Christingle service

This year we held our special Christingle Service at school. It was a peaceful and joyful time. It was a time to reflect amongst the excitement of our other festivities. We thought about Jesus as the Light of the World and how much God loves us to send us his Son. We pray that we will carry His light through our Christmas, remembering those who are grieving or suffering at this time both in our community and around the world. Rev Trev gave everyone a Christmas blessing and this is extended to everyone this Christmas!

Early Years Christmas Sing Song

We were shown what to expect in the future from our youngest children on Monday at their Christmas sing song. They confidently belted out several festive tunes accompanied by bells and shakers. The event was enjoyed by all who attended, thank you very much to the parents and carers who came to watch.

Parent and Friends Prayer Group

Please join us to pray for St Mark's school, staff, children & families!

We're meeting at 8am on Thursday 16th January.

Breakfast club will be running for St Mark's children & any preschool kids are welcome to stay & pray!

For more details chat to Sophie (Judah & Romola's Mum, Bex (Joshy's Mum), Heni (Mate's) or Miss Michaels (Yr 4 Teacher).

Deanery Schools Carol Singing

I am delighted to say that our deanery flash mob carol singing event managed to raise £530 for CARIS the homeless shelter.

The season of giving is most definitely upon us!

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision



If you look for me at Christmas,
you won't need a special star-
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right here where you are.

You may not be aware of me
amid your celebrations-
You'll have to look beyond the shops
and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do
and listen to your heart, You'll find
I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came
and you'll find me in the stillness
as I'm whispering your name

Love, Jesus

With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

From all at St Mark's School.