

St Bede's School Newsletter

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Carol Services



It was great to be able to go to the Church yesterday to take part in our Carol Services. Each year group took turns to come along to the Church and sing two carols each and all of the children took part with enthusiasm. Of course, we've not been able to put on the performances and services that we normally would at this time of the

year, so at least we had this one opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer. Thanks to Mrs Ridguard-Thomas and all of the staff who organised these events. If you weren't able to watch the carol services live, you can see recordings [here](#), by clicking on 'recordings'. The pupils from EYFS and Year 6 are

pictured above.

Pantomime— Thanks to Mrs Tobin for organising an online pantomime that the children have been enjoying this week. Each bubble of children took turns to watch the panto in the hall and there was plenty of interaction to make it an authentic experience as possible. Well

This Sunday's Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.'



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done to the staff for taking part with such enthusiasm too!

End of Term Mass— This morning our Year 5 children went to the Church to lead Mass, whilst the other children participated online from their classrooms. Although we couldn't all come together in person to celebrate the Mass, this was a good opportunity for us all as a community to join in prayer, to thank God for all that we have been given this term.

Year 4 Roman Battle— Over the last term, Year 4 have been busy learning about the Romans as part of their Creative Curriculum topic. With help from our wonderful parents, the children spent many weeks designing and constructing a replica Roman shield (*right*). This week they used these shields to practise Roman military formations that they had previously learned about in class. The children were quick to master these and this allowed them to move on to the climax of their learning: a full-scale battle to see which Roman unit would be victorious. Needless to say, the chil-

dren thoroughly enjoyed their re-enactment!

Christmas Jumper Day— It was lovely to see all of the children taking part in the Christmas Jumper day yesterday. We hope that they enjoyed wearing their jumpers and felt sufficiently 'Christmassy'!

Bishop's Questionnaire— Bishop Philip has recently published a questionnaire and is keen for people to fill this in so that the Diocese can understand what is working well and what might be better. Views from those who (for whatever reason), don't always make it to Mass every Sunday are particularly welcome. The questionnaire can be found [here](#).

Congratulations— To our pupils who have done well in two competitions recently; the Rotary Club "Winter to Remember" Writing Competition and the Knights of St Columba Nativity Scene Art Competition:

Winter to Remember Competition

Category 1 (Years 2,3 & 4) Winner: Irene J

Category 2 (Years 5 & 6) Highly commended: Amelia A

Nativity Scene Competition

Year Group 1&2

Winner: Maria Costa (also Group Provisional Winner)

Runners Up: Kasper Zmuda, Olivia Grudnick

Year Groups 3-6

Winner: Ameila Dzida

Runners Up: Lucas Yabut, Thomas Higgins

Into the Spring— We feel blessed that at the time of writing, we've not yet seen a COVID case in school and pray that all of our families will be able to enjoy a Christmas free from the Coronavirus. As a community, we all now need a rest and some

time to enjoy the Christmas period and in particular the celebration of Jesus coming into the world. As we approach the end of 2020 we look forward to the hope that the New Year brings and trust that as people of faith, the Lord will see us through into less challenging times. We wish everyone a very happy and holy Christmas.



This is my Commandment:

That you love one another as I have loved you

Jn 15: 12

As pupils, staff, governors and parents of St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Our Mission is to live by the values of Jesus



Have a lovely Christmas...

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