

St Peter's Church of England (Aided) Junior School



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Newsletter — Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Parents,

We welcome you to join us for the next Action for Happiness Calendar - December Kindness. This month, we are reminded that *'we may not be able to change the whole world, but our small acts of kindness still make a big difference'*.

Advent Sunday

To celebrate the first Sunday of Advent, our school choir performed at St. Peter's Church. The children sang beautifully and were highly commended by the church congregation. A lovely example of our Value of Collaboration and a joyful way to mark the start of Advent. During this time of preparation, the Advent Candles will be lit in church each Sunday. Each candle representing Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. In our collective worship this week, we reflected on the Candle of Hope.



Christmas Fair

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters for making our Christmas Fair such a success! It was a fun-filled event with games galore! Thank you to our Year 6 student leaders for helping to run the family games and to our school choir for their uplifting performance. Together, we've raised approximately £2,000 for the school.

Welcome to our new Parent Governors

Congratulations to Caroline Worman, who has been elected as our Parent Governor. Caroline, who has experience of working in education, has a child in Year 4. Our Governors have also appointed Namit Phahey as an additional Parent Governor. Namit attended our school as a child - and his child is now in Year 3. As part of our strategic vision, Governors aspire for *'every child to be able to do ordinary things in extraordinary ways – living life in all its fullness'*.

Holiday at Home

This week, a group of Year 6 children joined local, elderly residents at St. Peter's Church for a *'holiday at home'* Christmas experience. The children read some Christmas poems—helping to spread Christmas joy. We are so proud of this flourishing partnership; adding value to young and old.



Advent Candles

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
 A candle of **HOPE** in December's dark night
 While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
 Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh

A candle is burning, a candle of **PEACE**,
 A candle to signal that conflict must cease
 For Jesus is coming to show us the way
 A message of peace humbly laid in the hay



We look forward to sharing the next section of this poem, representing the Advent Candles of Joy and Love, in our next newsletter. In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Service, which is taking place at St. Peter's Church on Wednesday 18 December at 9.30am.

To keep up to date with life and learning in our school, please visit the ['latest news'](#) page on our school website.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss Reece and the Team

December Kindness 2024

SUNDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

MONDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

TUESDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

WEDNESDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

THURSDAY

5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

FRIDAY

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

SATURDAY

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025



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