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### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

### this Christmas

## St. Paul's Church of England Primary School

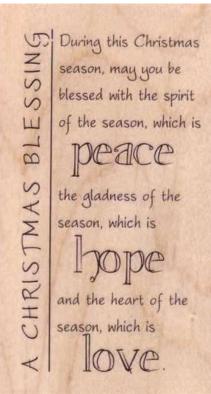
December 2020

Building each other up - with God as our firm foundation

And the angel said unto them,







**OUR CHRISTMAS VALUE IS: HUMILITY** 



#### LIGHT AND HOPE

#### IN THE DARKNESS

We began this season of ADVENT with special times of reflection. Every child made a Christingle and learned about the symbolism of the orange as the world, the ribbon showing Jesus' love, the fruits of the seasons and the light of hope.

As the children passed the flame on to each other in their class, we remembered how we are all called to be light to each other. Never has this been so necessary as everyone struggles with the challenges of 2020.

We have all had to adapt to new ways of working since March, so I want to thank you for the amazing job that you are doing to support your child's wellbeing and learning during this time. It has definitely been a strange and challenging year and it has been okay to feel a bit wobbly and anxious at times. We shall continue to be here for you in 2021 as together we look forward to brighter days. In our darkest times we rejoice in God's gifts of light and hope which shine as strongly as ever this Christmas. *Mrs Daniel* 

Thank you for your gifts for the Children's Society.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL FROM EVERYONE AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL!



#### **CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS 2020:**



FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS JUMPERS' DAY. Please bring a £1 donation for Save the Children

TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTIES



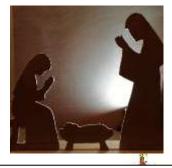
#### AND ....

• WE SHALL BE ENJOYING TWO PANTOMIMES (online): 'The Selfish Giant' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'



• WE HAVE SIX SEVEN- FOOT CHRISTMAS TREES THROUGHOUT SCHOOL WHICH THE CHILDREN DECORATED

 OUTDOOR NATIVITY for a time of reflection and celebration – as well as 'comfort and joy' with a fire and marshmallows.



#### POINTS TO NOTE:

- The school's governors are delighted to have appointed Miss Cox as a Teaching and Learning Assistant at our school.
- We shall continue to keep the classroom's well ventilated, even in these colder days. Please ensure that your child is warm enough. A layer underneath the school shirt is a good idea.
- Please continue to honour national, local and school guidance with regards to COVID-19:

IF WE ALL PLAY OUR PART RESPONSIBLY, OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY WILL BE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

• to the winners of our Half-Term 'Snap Yourself Reading Somewhere Unusual' Competition: Year 1: Vlad; Year 2: Theodore; Year 3: Isla; Year 4: Fern; Year 5: Lexi; Year 6: Amber

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January
WE BREAK UP ON FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER
Years 6, 5 and 1 at 1.15pm
Years 4, 3, 2 and Reception at 1.30pm
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Spring Term 2020 : Tuesday 5th January - Thursday 1st April

Half-Term: 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Holiday: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)

Summer Term 2020: Monday 19th April – Tuesday 20th July

Half-Term: 31st May - 4th June

Summer Holiday 2020: Wednesday 21st July - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (this date to be confirmed)