



## What is happening over Christmas in St. Leonard's Catholic Primary School

**Advent**—During Advent we will be engaging in various acts of kindness. Thinking about others and spreading Advent joy. E.g. Make Christmas cards for elderly relatives, help with wash the dishes at home or smile at every person you meet today.

**Prayer Stations**—Each class will be given the opportunity to reflect upon The Christmas Story and spend some time in prayer. We will film some to share with parents.

**KS1 Nativity and KS2 Christingle**—These will be filmed in school and shared with parents before the end of term.

**Virtual travelling crib**—Our Advent tradition of families sharing the class 'Travelling Crib' will not be possible this year so we would like to share a virtual experience called 'The Christmas Crib'.

Follow this link to begin sharing 'The Christmas Crib.' [www.tentenresources.co.uk/christmas](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/christmas)

Take the time to share the slides with your child and reflect upon the Christmas story together as a family. You may wish to create a focal area with a candle, a crib, nativity image or simply use the slides provided. We would love to see you sharing this resource so please email your photographs to the school office or tweet. @St\_Leonards\_RC

**Christmas crafts**—Children will still be making various Christmas crafts. They will be sent home on a specific day and we would ask you to quarantine the gifts at home.

**Christmas cards**—This year we will be not be sending individual cards within school. Each class will sign a large card and give it to another class. (Hopefully next year we will be able to bring back the Christmas post box)

**Christmas parties**—10th Acorn/Maple, 14th Pine, 15th Ash/Poplar, 16th Willow, 17th Oak Children can come to school on their party day in their party clothes. They do not need to bring anything else with them.

### Mini Vinnies

**Christmas Toy appeal** —We will be collecting donations of **new, unwrapped** toys for children and gifts for teenagers for this very important appeal. Please send them to school by Monday 14th December.

**SVP appeal**—The Mini Vinnies asked how best they could help the homeless this Christmas and the answer was—SOCKS! So we would like to ask families to donate new socks (adult sizes) to this very worthy cause. Donations by Monday 14th December.

**Christmas Raffle**—As we can't hold our usual Christmas fayre we would still like to hold the traditional raffle in order to raise funds for the school. Any raffle donations must be handed in by December 11th. Each family will be given raffle tickets and if you would like to enter write your child's name on the back and return it to school in a sealed envelope with the money. (these will be quarantined before opening) Raffle tickets cost 20p a ticket (£1.00 a strip). It will be drawn on Thursday 17th December.

**Christmas gifts**—It is always wonderful to feel appreciated but rather than gifts to teachers this year we would like to ask you to donate to the mini Vinnie appeals. A gift of a toy for a child, a gift for a teenager or socks for an adult would mean so much more to us. If you would like to express your appreciation to your class teacher please email the school office so that we can pass on these special messages on your behalf.