

# St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Infant School

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Dear Parents,

Advent is here! Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent and on Monday we will be lighting the first candle on our advent wreath when we come together for worship. For many of us the arrival of advent marks the beginning of our time of preparation, as we look towards Christmas. We have had a busy week in school - our preparations for the Christmas events in School are going well.

**Baby Taylor** I am delighted to share with you all that Baby Taylor has arrived. Mrs Taylor gave birth to her daughter, Florence Marie, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, weighing 6lb 8oz. Mother and baby are doing well. Please pray for Mr & Mrs Taylor as they prepare to celebrate Christmas as a new family.

Next week the Christmas story will take centre stage with the performance of the KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity Play - **St Francis and the First Crib**. The children and staff are working incredibly hard and we are all looking forward to seeing you next week. Please do not forget your tickets as we have a full house for every performance.

**Reception Christmas Play - A Miracle in Town** Please come and see Mrs Infanti or Mrs Giddings in the office from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm if you would like any of the remaining tickets.

**Christmas Post Box** From Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Post Box in school for all the children's Christmas cards. Please could you ensure that both surnames and class names are on the envelopes - this greatly assists the Postmistresses! This is a special service for everyone within the Infant School family!

**School Meals** We will be on week 3 of our menu next week, with pasta (three cheese or tomato and basil or tomato and pepperoni) on Monday.

**End of the Year tidying** I am sure that many of you will be undertaking an end of year tidy to make room for both visitors and new gifts! There are a few things that we would love you to look out for and send into school if they are no longer needed:

- small world, tarpaulins, old saucepans, spoons, metal or plastic bowls, musical instruments, plastic tablecloths - Reception would love these for their new mud kitchen coming soon
- children's comics and magazines for wet play
- board / card games
- clean boxes, kitchen roll tubes, bottle lids (all sizes!) for Reception's next topic 'Wonderful World'
- old superheroes costumes for Year 1's next topic 'Superheroes'
- textured / different style balls for Year 2's next topic 'Bounce!' (they do not need to be particularly bouncy!)

Thank you - we hope we can help with your recycling!

**School Admissions for Reception intake September 2018** Just a reminder that the closing date for both the Local Authority Common Application Form and the School Supplementary Information Form (SIF) is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Headteacher's Awards**



Week ending Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Y2C	James Stevens
Y21P -Y2	Erin O'Reilly
Y1NT	Cayden Walsh
ROF	Evan Garn-Blow
RG	Zekarias Haile-Selassie

Y2N	Scarlett Stevenson
Y1	Brody Smith
Y1G	Isabelle Rands
RMN	Isaac Boateng

**Attendance Cup** This week's winners are RMN with the fantastic 100%.



**Punctuality Bear** This week's winners are St Matthew's with 99.3%.



**Think of a Question** is our family challenge!

Thank you for all the interesting questions sent into school this week including:

*'Are they chatting about Santa?' Louie, Y2C*

*'Why are they wearing tags around their necks?' Charlotte, Y21P*

*'Are they having a birthday?' Nathanael, RG*

*'Are they children who lived during the war and got sent away? Are they sad?' Adam Y1NT*

*'Are the children at school?' Abbey, Y21P*

Thank you for all your questions. Look out for a new picture next week.

**Prayer Stars** Attached to this newsletter is a 'prayer star' for you and or your child to write any prayer intentions you may have at this time of year. I know many of us have particular people and situations in our hearts at this time. Please return any stars with intentions to your child's classteacher and they will be added to our advent display, with the intentions being remembered at our worship each day.

Yours sincerely,

*C B L'Estrange*

Caroline L'Estrange  
Headteacher



**First Sunday of Advent**

# Children's Health Project – Recipe of the Week - Egg Cups

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Preparation time: 5 minutes

Cooking time: 20 -25 minutes

Last: 2 days in fridge

Serves 6

Ingredients: 8 eggs, 150 ml of almond milk, ½ teaspoon of baking powder, plus your chosen filling

Filling:

- 4 slices of ham, 1 red pepper, 1 courgette, handful of fresh basil
- Mushroom and spinach
- 4 rashers of cooked bacon, 50g grated cheese, ½ a red pepper, ½ red onion
- 1 Grated courgette, 100g salmon, 1 tablespoon of chives

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees
2. Grease muffin tray with butter or coconut oil
3. Mix eggs in a bowl

- Add ingredients of your choice
- Add seasoning and herbs finely chopped
- Pour in muffin tray and bake for 20 - 25 minutes
- Check it is cooked by sticking a knife in middle and seeing if it comes out clean

**Notes:** Eggs are a great way to start your day as they are high in protein. Protein will help keep children feel full for longer, whilst helping to keep stable blood sugar levels. Cook the night before so you can eat it on 'the go' for breakfast. These are also good in lunch boxes.



## Prayer Star

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