



3 December 2021

Dear Parents

The first weekend of Advent was marked with a very reflective and personal Advent Service led by children in Year 4 on Monday. The message of hope was present throughout. It was also great to welcome Canon Michael for the first of our Nativity performances.

Both our Year 5 and Year 6 rugby teams were in action at the end of last week in the Borough finals. Both teams did extremely well given that so few of the team played rugby outside school. Thanks to our own PE team and the Merton School Sports Partnership for organising this and many other events over the course of the year.

Pupil safety remains our number one priority and the recent increase in COVID-19 outbreaks in local primary schools is something that we need to be extra vigilant about. We are currently working on a number of action plans that we will be able to alter should outbreaks occur in school. In the meantime please could we ask in particular that children are not sent into school if they are unwell even if symptoms are mild. Please do remember that if anybody in the family has COVID symptoms they should book a PCR test and follow stay at home guidance. We would encourage families to test regularly using Lateral Flow tests.

This is a reminder that our Friend's of St Teresa's (PTA) are organising the school '**Christmas Market**' on Sunday 12th December from 12pm - 3pm on the school playground. Entry will be via the Church path to the Year 6 gate. If you have ordered Father Christmas tickets, these will be handed out at the gate on the day. There will be lots of fun activities and refreshments available. In the meantime, if you have any toys, puzzles, games, toiletries, books in good condition, or unwanted gifts please bring them to the school and either place them in the designated bins outside the front of the school or in the playground. These will be sold at the school market, to raise money for the 'Playground Project'. Thanking you in advance for your constant support.

[Here](#) is the link for this week's Wednesday Word. It is the second week of Advent and the weekend's Gospel focuses on John the Baptist, whose 'voice in the wilderness' calls us to make straight paths for Christ. The challenge for us is to decide what this means in the context of our lives. It is a time to look, listen and wait...

Have a great weekend.



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**"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux**

