

# Sunshine News

## Stella Maris Catholic Primary School



December 2018

### Sunshine Team

*The Sunshine Team have been busy this term making gifts for their elderly friends, ready for when they go to the next oldies tea.*

*They have also helped to create leaflets for the upcoming carol services and posters to advertise our backwards advent calendar. The backwards advent calendar is outside the hall and we are asking families, if they can, to donate a gift/toy for a child in need. The gifts we collect will then be wrapped and distributed by the Salvation Army to more vulnerable families. Thank you so much for all your donations so far, you have been amazing and so kind.*

### Advent

*Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. The first candle on the advent wreath represents Hope.*

*The Second candle is a symbol of God's Peace.*

*The third candle represents Love.*

*The Fourth candle is the candle of joy and the fifth candle reminds Christians of the birth of Jesus.*

### Advent Mass

*On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December the whole school celebrated Advent with an Advent Mass in the school hall. The children from Griffins led the bidding prayers, offertory and readings. It was wonderful to see some parents celebrating with us. Thank you for supporting the school.*

### Upcoming Events

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Service at St. Joseph's at 4pm.*

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Service at Our Lady Help of Christians at 6pm.*

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Advent breakfast. All the money raised will be sent to Cafod.*

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Carols at St. Edmunds Catholic Secondary School at 6pm.*

*Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: First Holy Communion meeting in school at 3:30pm.*

*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Christingle Service in school at 1:30pm*

### Food Bank

*Thank you to everyone who sends in items for our food bank, they really are appreciated. The items most required this month are: tinned food,*

*The angel said to Mary "Don't be afraid, Mary. You have found favour with God. You will become pregnant; give birth to a son, and name him Jesus. He will be a great man and will be called the Son of the Most High." Luke 1:30-32*