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December 2020



It's been a creative and reflective couple of weeks as we have been thinking about Advent. The children have made wreaths for our display and we have opened envelopes daily on our Advent crown (containing chocolate coins and a kind deed to aim for). We have also enjoyed our online Nordic calendar, thanks to a kind parent, and started to learn about the Christmas story. Today we talked about the jobs that mothers do and how they help us, in the context of Mary as Jesus' mother.



We enjoyed dressing up to sing our Christmas songs last week and will be sharing them with you very soon. The piano has been in Nursery for this and many of the children have taken turns to try it. They have been listening to the difference between the low and high notes, and also what the two pedals do to the sound. As part of our phonics work, we played 'guess the sound' and the children had to name the hidden instruments. This gets them used to listening carefully and differentiating between sounds.

Thanks to our video stars!

If you haven't already seen our prospective parents' video all about the Foundation Stage, see the school home page <https://st-thomas-more.oxon.sch.uk/> Thanks to everyone who gave permission for their child to appear.

Few places left for January 2021

We will be welcoming some new children to Nursery in January and still have a few places left. If you know anyone who might be interested in enrolling their child, please do recommend us! We do appreciate your kind comments as well, so if you would like to add any testimonials to our prospectus, please email nurserystm@dbmac.org.uk Thank you in advance.

Final week reminders

- Tuesday 15th December: Christmas lunch (already booked)
- Wednesday 16th December: Foundation Stage Christmas Party. Your child can wear their party clothes!
- Thursday 17th December: Last day of term with usual school hours.

School applications: Don't forget to apply for your child's primary school place before the deadline – this does not happen automatically. If your children was born between 1st September 2016 and 31 August 2017, you need to apply online for their place in Reception. The deadline is 15th January 2021. See <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school>

Thank you for all your support this term and for bearing with us through one-way systems, two-way systems and various other requests. We have all enjoyed getting to know and teaching your children. and are so impressed with how they have come on since September.

Merry Christmas from the Nursery team, Mrs Conway, Mrs Dryden, Mrs Fennell and Mrs Buda