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With this week being the start of Advent we thought about this time leading up to Christmas as a time to prepare. The children thought about all the different ways we prepare for Christmas such as decorating the house, putting up a tree, finding or making a present, wrapping presents, writing cards, baking and preparing food... the list went on. We talked about the Advent Calendars that many children were looking forward to opening, and the meaning behind them, as well as Advent Candles and the nativity scene in their classrooms. Lots to think about and look forward to, but also a time to think of others for whom things are perhaps not so easy at the moment and how we might be able to do our little bit to help.

Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Ami** in Year 5. Ami's manners are impeccable and 100% reliable! She is consistently polite, kind, gentle and beautifully behaved but with a steely determination and a twinkle in her eye. The children recognise how kind Ami is and told us: *Ami is never mean to anyone; I've never seen her in a bad mood—she's always positive; Ami is chilled-out, calm and kind to everyone; she's extremely unproblematic and always, always polite; during skipping at playtimes, Ami is always honest if she is 'out'; I don't think Ami has ever been told off, and that's all the way back to Reception! Ami would deserve to be Good Manners' Champion every single week. And Leo told us "Ami is very good at sharing her toys with me at home."* Well done Ami—you should feel very proud of what everyone has said about you.

Stars of the Week

Very well done to the following children:

Reception - **Poppy**—for being so keen on practising her writing, using the sounds she knows to help her

Y1&2 – **Lily 'C-without-an-e' (!)** - for using resources really well to help her with her learning in maths

Y3&4 – **Henriette** - for being full of fantastic ideas and for really challenging herself in maths

Y5&6 – **Arthur C** - for working exceptionally hard and really relishing a challenge



Our Christmas Collections

Thank you to those who have very generously brought in food, toiletries and toys for our collections for the Chipping Norton Foodbank and the Chippy Larder's Christmas Gift Event. We will be collecting 'til Friday 11th December so please do support us if you are able. Thank you!

Well Done to Imogen F

Imogen was so keen to do what she could to help local families who were struggling that she decided to raise some money herself. She managed to raise a very impressive £30 and then went shopping and chose lots of things to buy, and came in laden with bags of all that she had bought. Thank you Imogen. We've been talking a lot about kindness recently, and I think Imogen realised that being kind to other people made her feel very happy too!

Well Done to Willow and Jamie

Willow and Jamie decided they would like to raise some money for the school and organised an intriguing "taste test" for brave participants at Daddy's office. It sounded great fun for everyone and they were very proud to have raised £73 for the school—a huge thank you goes to them both!

Christmas Family Fun!

To work off a few of those substantial meals, how about trying this alternative version of the Twelve Days of Christmas, sent to us by Chipping Norton Sports Partnership. Singing compulsory!

- ONE minute skipping
- TWO minutes jogging
- THREE Santa star-jumps
- FOUR tricep dips
- FIVE touch your toes
- SIX Christmas Dabs
- SEVEN pass the presents
- EIGHT Christmas tree poses
- NINE big lunges
- a TEN second silence
- ELEVEN deep squats
- TWELVE deep breaths*

**breathe in for 3 counts, hold for 3 and then breathe out for 3*

Christmas Lunch—Thurs 17th December

Please make sure your child brings a packed lunch if you haven't ordered a Christmas lunch for them.

Diary Dates Coming Up:

- Tue 8th Dec GTSSC Christmas Event
- Fri 11th Dec Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day
- Mon 14th Dec Nativity filming
- Mon 14th Dec KS2 children to come in wearing something Christmassy
- Wed 16th Dec Online Panto—Jack and the Beanstalk
- Thur 17th Dec Christmas Lunch—come in Christmas clothes
- Fri 18th Dec End of term—midday
- Tue 5th Jan Term starts for children (Mon 4th is INSET Day)