



# HOLY TRINITY

A learning community providing Catholic and Church of England education for all

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Dear Parents/Carers,

24th November 2015

As a school we are very keen and proud of the close partnership we have with you. We recognise that you are the first and foremost educators of your child. During this season of Advent we ask the children to prepare for Jesus' coming in a special way.

To help your family gain an even greater understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, your child, and each child in the class, will be given the opportunity to bring home a bag, referred to in school as the 'walking crib'.

Inside the bag is a small nativity scene, an artificial candle, a prayer card and an age appropriate copy of the Nativity story. We hope that each child will take home the bag between now and the end of term, and his/her family will use the contents to gain a deeper understanding of the Christmas Story. This would be an opportunity for you, as a family, to sit quietly together in prayerful reflection about the true meaning of this special season.

There is also an exercise book inside the bag for you, or your child, to record a response to this experience, in words, pictures or even photographs. During the month of December, the class takes some time to sit together and share the day's Advent Promise, this is often a time where we read the book and see what has been written already. We will also look through the books in the first week back after the holidays, to share the thoughts, pictures, drawing and messages with the whole class, thereby bringing the season of Advent and Christmas to a spiritual close.

Please could the bag and all of its contents be returned to school **the following day**, even if you have not had time to use it, so that the next child has the opportunity of taking the bag home.

Wishing you a holy Advent season,

Mrs Ann Eager  
Primary R.E. Co-ordinator