



Striving together for excellence and enjoyment



Monday 27th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning in assembly (attended by Robins – Owls) I talked to the children about the preparations that some families are making for Christmas. I have also spoken to the children in Wrens about this today.

I explained that we will soon be putting up our Christmas tree in school and shared with them some homemade decorations that I put on my tree and the significance of these. We discussed the joy these decorations bring and how each year they evoke a memory and remind me of the care that someone put into making it. I showed them two examples made by my son when he was much younger.

I have asked the children to make a decoration for our school Christmas tree, **should they wish to**. This decoration is to be made at home and can be anything they wish it to be. The examples I showed them were very simple indeed! The children were encouraged to put their name on the decoration so that it serves as a permanent reminder of their part in Pirton School. When children bring a decoration into school, they will be able to hang it on the tree.

In addition, Mrs. Shaw has asked me to share the information with you all about the Ickleford Community Larder which she is involved in supporting. She would like to invite you to donate goods for people in need. The reverse advent calendar runs from November 27th until December 16th and Mrs. Shaw will take donations after that date. They are collecting the following items; **bags for life, tinned fruit, something festive, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cleaning products, toilet roll, Christmas pudding/cake, tinned custard, cheesy biscuits, long life juice, fizzy drinks, jars of pasta sauce, toiletries, rice pudding, long life milk, tinned vegetables, sugar, biscuits, gravy powder, stuffing**. There are different days to donate different items but this really doesn't matter! If you were able to donate one or more of the items above, we are sure that local families in need would be very grateful. Your child can bring any donations to the office and we will collect them to pass on.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Magdeburg.