



News from Whitchurch C of E Primary School

After a bitterly cold morning yesterday morning, it is a drizzly and wet one today, with squelchy mud underfoot and rivers of water running down the road. My partner and I have just got back from walking out dogs on Salisbury Plain. Every time we go out, even though we have walked out this way hundreds of times before, we remark on how beautiful it is, what an amazing view, how lucky we are to live somewhere with all of this on our doorstep – regardless of the weather – rain or shine, freezing cold or as summery hot, we are always grateful to be walking in such a glorious place.

This week in our Collective Worship, we talked with the children about the start of Advent; about our Advent calendars and how exciting it is to open each door to see what picture will be revealed or what treat we will be getting. We also talked about the meaning of the word Advent – arrival – and that for Christians this is a period of waiting and preparing for Jesus' birth. In this period of waiting, we talked about the things we will be doing over the Christmas period and what we are grateful for; discussing the true meaning of Christmas. The children were asked what images they would put behind their own 'home-produced' Advent – the things they value and are grateful for. Some of their thoughts were around showing gratitude for the things we have that we take for granted...but that others may not have. Other ideas were for things that are more abstract, but vitally important. In having these discussions, they also talked about those in our society who may not be as fortunate, who may find Christmas a difficult time, a time of sadness or loneliness; and how it was important to think about these people. Below are some of the ideas for their Advent calendar; echoing their gratitude for the things they have and the true meaning of Christmas.

