



# ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

## HELLO FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S

A very Happy New Year to you and welcome to the first Families Newsletter of 2021. I am sorry that for many of you it will not be back to school as normal; most likely home learning with parents who definitely did not choose to be teachers! However, I hope you are all finding a way through and discovering moments of fun and good learning along the way.

You may remember, that before Christmas you offered your drawings for the congregational Christmas card. The cards went out and we have had lots of lovely feedback from folks, saying how much they appreciated receiving the pictures and the reminder that they are part of the St Columba's family. Now, can I ask your help again please? Later this month we will send out a letter to everyone in the congregation; to keep in contact, to ask how they are doing and to offer them some prayers that they might like to use at home. So, would you please write a prayer for that letter.

- It can be short or long.
- It can be simple words of thanks for Christmas, family, friends, our church, sports, hobbies, music or other interests.
- It can be prayers for people who are important in our lives – families, friends, teachers, doctors, nurses, carers and many others.
- It could be prayers for people who are finding lock down difficult – the lonely, ill, or sad.
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I would love to receive prayers or pictures by Friday 15th January. Meanwhile this week in church we will listen to the story of the Epiphany – the wise men travelling to Bethlehem to offer their strange gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh at the manger. Thank you to Fiona for finding some fun Epiphany activities for this Sunday.

Have a great week, follow your star and keep us all smiling! Angus