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Dear Families,

As we begin the countdown to Christmas, we are delighted to let you know that our Advent Book Celebration will take place again this year, throughout the month of December.

On **1st December**, we invite every child to bring their favourite book to school, wrapped in festive paper. Throughout the month, children will have the opportunity to share their chosen book with their classmates during our daily reading sessions. Depending on class size, we will enjoy one or two surprise books each day, creating a wonderful sense of excitement and anticipation.

To help keep the magic alive, please ensure your child's book is clearly labelled with their name before wrapping. We encourage children to choose a book they love and would enjoy recommending to others, helping us celebrate a wide range of stories, characters and interests.

This special tradition is a lovely way to promote a love of reading, develop speaking and listening skills, and bring our school community together through shared stories. We would love you to spend some time talking with your child about why they have chosen their book, as this will help them share their thoughts confidently with their classmates.

All books will be returned to children once they have been shared with the class.

Thank you for your support in helping us make this festive reading celebration a memorable experience for everyone. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We wish you all a joyful and magical lead-up to Christmas!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Liz Tinsley

Deputy Headteacher

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