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Respect Ourselves, Respect others, Respect our World, Love God

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure that you are aware, Advent, the first season of the liturgical year, starts this weekend with the First Sunday of Advent being celebrated this Sunday. Advent is a time of eager anticipation during which time we prepare for Christmas and prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

At St Mary's Catholic Primary and Nursery School we are very excited to share the season of Advent with our families through the 'Travelling Crib'.

Each child in our school will have the opportunity to bring home one of our very special 'Travelling Cribs' and we very much hope that you will enjoy spending some time with your child, arranging the characters from the Nativity story and reading the story together. Instructions and ideas are within the crib so when your child is picked to bring it home, please open it with great care and see what treasures are inside!

We are keen to hear about the evening that the Travelling Crib was welcomed into your home and so we ask that your child draws or writes about their experience (don't worry, the paper will be in the box!) We love to see photographs of your child with the crib and it is fantastic if your child can tell us about any of the family traditions that you may have. It is wonderful for your child to be able to share these with their friends when they bring the crib back. If it is not possible for you to print out photographs at home, please email them to the school using the email address: admin@stmarystilbury.co.uk. Please ensure that you have your child's name included!

The Travelling Crib will be coming home with children during the Advent period and we ask that it is returned **THE FOLLOWING DAY**. Please ensure that you do return the crib the next day as other children will be waiting to take it home! All children will have a turn to bring the crib home so please look after it and return it with all the parts present and correct.

If you have any questions regarding this wonderful opportunity for your child, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards

Mrs. M. Smith
Deputy Headteacher