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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Dear Parents/Carers,

### The Travelling Crib

There is an old Mexican custom where, during Advent, people dressed as Mary and Joseph travel round their villages knocking at people's doors to see who will give them hospitality.

Here at Barkisland, we would like to adapt this custom through the idea of a Travelling Crib. We would like to offer the children of the Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes the opportunity to take home a crib or crib figures, symbolising Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus.

During Advent, the children in Year 2, Year 1, Reception and Nursery will be offered the opportunity to take home (**for one night**) the crib or crib figures.

We are asking that you take the time to talk with your child about Jesus' birth and pray as a family, thinking about Mary and Joseph's preparation for the birth of Jesus.

If you would like to join in this Advent preparation please complete the School Spider form as soon as possible.

Beginning Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, your child's teacher will send home the class crib or figures with a candle. We aim to send the cribs to all the families who wish to participate during the Advent season.

Please return the cribs or crib figures to school on the following morning (or Monday if you take the cribs on a Friday) as the next family will be waiting to prepare with Mary and Joseph.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Wilde

Deputy Headteacher

*Working with the Diocese of Leeds and the Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale*

