



## Witchampton CE First School

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Dear Parents,

This year, in conjunction with the Church, for the first time we are taking part in Posada - making room for Jesus this Christmas.

What is Posada all about?

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people, dressed as Mary and Joseph, travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. The children will have the opportunity to take the figures home and act as 'hosts.' This will give them the chance to create their own celebration in their home worshipping with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

Suzie Allen has already spoken in assembly last Wednesday to the children to introduce the idea and to inspire the children to want to be 'hosts' to Mary and Joseph.

### What is involved?

Each year group will have a pair of nativity figures the children can take home. For the evening you 'host' Mary & Joseph you can choose to do whatever you like.

You may like to prepare a special place for Mary and Joseph. Why not invite friends and family to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas? You could take them to your usual evening activity if appropriate like Beavers or Brownies. Whatever you do, please record on the sheet provided a brief summary of their travels and if you can take a photograph for our display, that would be wonderful.

In the School hall there will be a display to chart Mary and Joseph's journey.

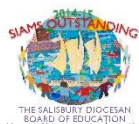
If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask class teachers or myself.

We look forward to hearing all about Mary and Joseph's journey.

Mrs Bolton  
Head of School



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