

*Dear friends in India, dear Nandhini, dear Fr Suresh, dear Fr David!*

*Best wishes to all of you from Arivu-Team Nienburg!*

*We hope this Newsletter finds all of you safe and sound. Here the weather is quite cold and rainy. All people are busy preparing for Christmas. Soon this year will be over and a new one starts with all its promises.*

### New Arivu Homepage

Because we had some problems with the old Arivu homepage, we decided to renew it completely. This took a bit longer than we planned. Here you can find our new homepage:

<https://arivu-nienburg.org/>

We also plan to publish all your wonderful and very interesting newsletters on this side, so that everyone will be able to read it.

You can also find information about the situation of Dalit people and the good work of empowerment at St. John's home and at CHEER on the page. For example, we uploaded the presentation Father Suresh showed us last year. We hope that a lot of people will read it.

If some of you like to send us some report or anything else to be read by people in Germany, we will be very happy to share it on the page.

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### India Club at the ASS



Indian food and organize some smaller fundraising activities.

One of the fundraising activities was, that the India-Club made self-made fruit jam, roasted almonds and marshmallow snowmans and sold all of it at the parents-day at the ASS.

In this academic year twelve younger students of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> standard are members at the India-Club of ASS. They meet every week with Hilde and learn about India and inform the other students about it. They are playing (Indian) games, cooking



## Decorating and selling advent wreaths

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On parents-teachers-day, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, we took the occasion to sell nicely decorated Advent wreath and other items to the parents and teachers.

The year we have expanded our range by homemade fruit-jam, cookies, roasted almonds and homemade items for Christmas decorations. The india-club of standards V and VI was very much involved as well.



A very special highlight of our bazar are the many knitted clothes Edda made over the year: socks, caps, scarves and sweaters.



On Saturday before the first Advent we went on the weekly market, where our regular customers already waited for their wreaths and knitwear. We were able to sell most of the items.

## Tea-Concert at the ASS

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In the beginning of December teachers, parents and students of the ASS were invited for the traditional so called "Tea-concert" at ASS. Some students of our "music classes" played various Christmas songs and the students of the India-club sold tea, coffee, cake and pretzels. A lot of visitors came and enjoyed the evening.





## Arrival of Christmas post from India

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A few days before Christmas, a lot of Christmas letters from India arrived for some ASS Classes and for Arivu members.

The students at school read it out in class and translated it to German. They were quite proud of their letters and everyone admired the nice painted pictures and the neat handwriting! The students pinned their letters at the pinboard, so that it is seen by everyone who visits the classroom.

The private letters to Arivu-Members were also greeted very happily as you can see in the picture.

## Saint-Nicholas-Day

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On December the 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Saint-Nicholas-Day. In the legend about Bishop St. Nicholas of Myra it is told, that the Bishop brought fruits, nuts and warm cloths to poor children. Because of this legend the children today put their shoes outside on the eve of St-Nicholas-Day and hope, that the holy man will bring them some fruits and sweets and put it into their shoes... and most of the time he does...



*Dear Nandhini, dear Fr Suresh, dear Fr David,*



*We send very warm season's greetings and wishes to you and all our Indian friends!*

*Please convey them to all children in St John's home, to all teachers, students and staff of Arulappa Higher Secondary School and all members of WE-Group!*

*We wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year 2020!*

*Hilde and Kathrin for Arivu Team*