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Newsletter – Friday 16th December

Advent and Charitable Works: During this special Advent season, we continue to consider the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves in our local communities and abroad. A sincere word of thanks for the generous donations and contributions of food that came into school as part of Christmas Jumper Day last Friday. Contributions will go to the Cornerstone Homeless Centre in Manchester and CAFOD.

Christmas at St Margaret Mary's: It has been lovely to celebrate the message of Christmas with all of our children and parents over the last few weeks. I am sure you will agree that the performances from EYFS, KS1 and KS2 have been joyful and even more special to come together again in person after a number of years of being unable to do so. Thank-you for your fantastic support and a special thanks and well done to all of our children and staff. The true meaning of Christmas was celebrated wonderfully! A special thanks also to our Catering Staff who prepared and served a very festive Christmas Dinner on Wednesday. Children and staff had a wonderful time celebrating and eating together. Yesterday, children across the school enjoyed the Christmas discos planned and held by the Friends of St Margaret Mary's. Once again my thanks to Mrs Welch, the Friends of St Margaret Mary's and staff who have given up their time to support these. I will update you with the monies raised as soon as I am able to.

Goodbye, Good Luck & Thank You

As mentioned in the previous newsletter it is with sadness and wishes of good luck and thanks that we say goodbye this week to Miss Howells and Miss McCauley who are moving onto new positions and Mr Cummings who is retiring. On behalf of the whole school community, we send them our thanks, love and best wishes for all of their care, hard work and support over the years. We will miss them and wish them lots of luck for the future!

We also send our love and best wishes to Mrs Keenan who begins her maternity leave at the end of the week. We look forward to updating you with exciting news in the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Miss Kehoe to our staff team. We are delighted that Miss Kehoe will be joining our Early Years Team in January.



Attendance

Earlier this week we celebrated the fantastic attendance of a number of pupils across the school. We will continue to encourage, support and reward all of our pupils across the school in a range of ways.

We are very aware that illness is often unavoidable and is particularly heightened with the worrying viruses that are circulating currently. Nevertheless, we still emphasise the real importance of all our children being in school as often as possible and the impact from this. Please continue to support us with this in the New Year, helping us to ensure that your children achieve the best that they possibly can. Thank-you for your support with this!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Friends of St Margaret Mary's Gift

Alongside coordinating the Christmas Discos yesterday, the Friends of St Margaret Mary's have used previous donations to provide the gift of a book for every child across the school. I do hope that all children enjoy this. My sincere thanks for this and all of the work completed by them in supporting the school and helping to raise funds throughout the year.



Dates/Events to remember:

Friday 16th December – School closes for Christmas 1pm

Wednesday 4th January – School re-opens to children 08.55am

Friday 17th February – School closes for half term 3pm

Monday 27th February – School re-opens 08.55am

Please also see attached the approved Holiday Pattern/Calendar for the Academic Year 2023-2024 approved earlier this week by the Governing Body. A reminder to consult this and the School Office when requesting any holiday leave or planned absence.

Thank-you.

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Many thanks for your understanding and support.



On behalf of all of the staff, governors and myself, I wish you, your families and loved ones a very peaceful and holy Christmas.

Enjoy a restful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Take care and God bless,

Mr Sutton