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Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Advent and Charitable Works

A special thanks for your kind donations last Friday as part of our Christmas Jumper Fundraising Day. All monies have been donated to this year's Caritas Appeal & BeeThere, supporting the plight of the homeless in society and the vulnerable.



Christmas Dinner

A special thank-you to Chef Denis and all of the Catering Team for the wonderful Christmas dinner that children and staff were treated to on Wednesday. It was lovely to sit together and give thanks at this festive time of year.

School Choir – Irish Centre

A special word of thanks to our School Choir, who along with Mrs Preen, Miss White and Miss Handrick, attended the Irish Centre yesterday afternoon to perform carols to the community. It was a lovely festive celebration really welcomed and appreciated by all. Please see some lovely photographs in our "Wonderful Work this week" section.



Christmas Performances and Christmas Carol Concert

Monday the 18th December sees our final Christmas Performances with Key Stage Two leading us in Carols and Readings. There will be two services held at St Margaret Mary's RC Church at 10am and 4:30 pm. We ask that all children who are able to stay behind after school to prepare for the afternoon performance with their class and staff. Pupils will receive a snack and refreshments after school ahead of this. Following the Carol Concert, which is expected to finish at 5:10pm, the children, will return to school to be collected from their class teacher. As mentioned in the previous letter, please make prior arrangements for your child to be collected, as pupils will not be allowed to walk home alone.

It has been lovely to see so many parents, families and friends at the KS1 and EYFS Performances, earlier this week. I would like to say a special word of thanks to Fr Andrew, who has allowed school to access and use the Parish Centre, given the ongoing building work and restrictions to the school hall. Without this, we would have been unable to hold the performances and celebrations. I am sure you will agree that staff and pupils have shown real versatility and adapted so well to a new environment and the restrictions and changes needed, whilst still celebrating the joyous message of the nativity.

Your children are an absolute credit to you and the staff who work with them. As always thank you for your support!



Welcome Back

We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs Keenan to the staff team next week. This follows time away from school following the birth of her daughter.



LSC Extra-Curricular Activities

Bookings are now open for next term's LSC extra-curricular activities at St Margaret Mary's RC Primary School.

To book please visit: <https://www.wearelsc.co.uk/book/?venue=380>

We Look forward to seeing you soon!

Team LSC!



Christmas Hamper Raffle

The lucky winners of our Christmas Hamper raffle are Orla and Matilda ... well done girls and thank you to everyone for your kind generosity in purchasing a raffle ticket.



Reminders

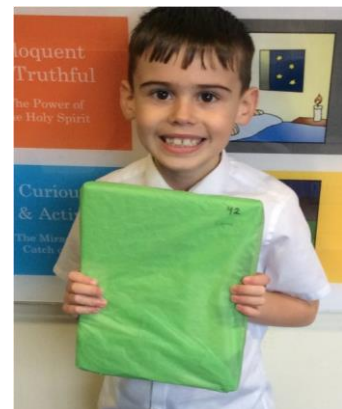
School Closes on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 1pm
School Opens on Monday 8th January 2024

Term-Time/Holiday Calendar 2024-2025

Please find attached the approved Term-Time and Holiday Calendar for the Academic Year 2024-2025. As always, we ask that any planned holidays refer to this to avoid disruption to schooling. Many thanks for your support.

Annual Christmas Book Quiz

We are pleased to announce our "Annual Christmas Book Quiz" winners ... well done to Rayna, Alexander, Esmae C, Poppy W, Charlie K, Archie K, Winston, Teddy K, Tiwa and India.



Some of our wonderful work ...

The children had a delicious Christmas dinner ... we had lots of fun pulling crackers, wearing hats and listening to jokes ...



Some of our wonderful work ...

EYFS were absolutely amazing in their Nativity performance earlier this week ..



Some of our wonderful work ...

On Thursday our choir performed for Irish Community Care Christmas celebration. They had a fantastic time and performed amazingly well. ...



Attendance

Nur W are this week's "Class Attendance Winners" with an excellent 99.2% attendance closely followed by 6G with 98.2%!

NurW 99.2%	Nur/RecW 93.6%	RecK 95.7%	1T 94.7%	1/2M 93.9%	2M 91.5%
3S 97.1%	3/4D 94.4%	4C 97.4%	5C 91.8%	5J 94.5%	6G 98.2%
6W 94.5%					

When one class wins the "Class Attendance Winners" twice during a half-term they will receive a special reward.

Who will be next week's "Class Attendance Winners" ... see next week's school newsletter!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Rec: MJ	Y1/2M: Whole class	Y3-4D: Tamara	Y5J: Cole
Rec: Caelan	Y2M: Whole class	Y4C: Peter	Y6G:
Y1T: Whole class	Y3S: Carmen	Y5C: Elliot	Y6W: Jacob



Watch this space for when our next stars will be announced ...



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emily	Curtis	Grace J	Ruby
	Winston	Nabiel	



Important Dates



Monday 18th December 2023	KS2 Christmas Carols (10 am & 4:30 pm]
Wednesday 20th December 2023	School closes at 1.00 p.m. for the Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January 2024	School opens after Christmas holidays

Many thanks for your understanding and support, I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton



**“Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.”
Pope Francis**