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Newsletter – Friday 2nd December

Advent at St Margaret Mary's: Preparing a Way – Prophetic and Intentional

Linked with our school virtues this half-term, of being **Prophetic and Intentional**, we move towards the second Sunday of Advent this weekend. We continue to grow and live out these virtues in our school and daily life, taking our lessons from the gospel and teachings of Christ. During this season of Advent, we encourage our school community to have faith and hope in others and ourselves. Around school, our focus has been that of preparation and waiting in Hope for the Birth of Jesus.

Advent and Charitable Works:

During this special Advent season, we consider the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves in our local communities and abroad. The School GIFT Team and Prefects have asked to combine next Friday's Christmas Jumper Day with an opportunity to collect any monetary contributions or food items for those in need. Contributions will go to the Cornerstone Homeless Centre in Manchester and CAFOD.

Reading News

During Advent, the Reading council thought it would be a good idea to record themselves reading bedtime stories that can be shared with the children via our Youtube channel. Below are the links for the first two stories read by the reading ambassadors. Please let us know what you think on our Twitter page!

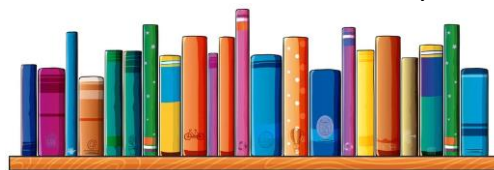
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Book Quiz

It is that time of the year again when we prepare ourselves for the Christmas book quiz! Questions are linked to books both new and old and it is a wonderful opportunity for all the family to get involved.

A winner will be chosen from each class on Wednesday 14th December. Good luck!



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
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Attendance

This week's Class Attendance Winners in joint place are 2R and 5M!
It was very close to call with both classes and so for the first time we have joint winners!
Well done 2R and 5M – keep up the excellent attendance and punctuality!

Here are the results of this week's attendance:

NurW 91.3%	Nur/Rech 93.8%	RecM 93.8%	1J 95.9%	1/2M 93.4%	2R 97%
3S 90.3%	3/4D 94.5%	4T 94.3%	5M 97%	5J 95.5%	6G 91.7%
6W 93.2%					

Who will be next week's winners? See next week's newsletter for further news!

Attendance Matters!



Swimming Curriculum at Broadway Baths

You may be aware of the difficulties that Broadway Baths has suffered over the last few months in regard to funding and building repairs. From Monday 5th Dec, Greenwich Leisure (GLL) will be managing the building and organising the provision of swimming lessons for school children in the local area.

The Council, MCRactive and GLL have been working together to ensure the centre remains open to the local community. This includes undertaking essential works that need to be completed immediately, which unfortunately requires the pool to close for a small period.

Therefore, from Friday 2nd Dec the centre will close early for the Christmas break, with schools returning in Jan 2023. This means there will be no swimming lessons on Monday 5th or 12th Dec.

We will update you in January to confirm when the lessons will recommence.



Christmas Performances

As communicated in letters over the last few weeks, we are really looking forward to welcoming our parents and families in person, to our Christmas celebrations after the last few years.

Thank you for your support with the ticket allocations. You should have received, or be receiving, your tickets over the coming days.



Christmas Dinner

'Christmas Dinner Day' will be on Wednesday 14th December this year.

If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to receive a Christmas dinner on this day, please order and pay via the School Spider App before Monday.

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 do not need to pay for a meal as they are eligible to Universal Free School Meals, however you still need to order a meal so that we can get accurate numbers for ordering food.

Thank you!



Some of our wonderful work this week...

EYFS have been getting in the Christmas spirit. They have written to Father Christmas and coloured festive images.



Y1 have enjoyed performing poems in their English lessons.



Y2 have been preparing for the season of Advent by writing their own Advent promises.



Y3 have learned how to play 'Jingle Bells' on the glockenspiel this week.



Y3/4 have been exploring the features of a brochure.



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Y4 have been investigating the strength of different magnets.



Y5 have created informative booklets showing the different phases of the moon.



Y6 have enjoyed creating their own 'Scratch Quiz' in Computing.



Dates/Events to remember:

Tuesday 6th Dec – EYFS Nativity

9:30am Nursery 2:00pm Reception

Thursday 8th Dec – KS1 Nativity

9:30am 4:00pm

Friday 9th Dec – Charity Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 12th Dec – KS2 Carol Service (9.30am or 5.30pm)

Wednesday 14th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 15th Dec – Christmas Discos

1:45 – 3:00 EYFS/KS1 3:00 – 4:15pm KS2

Friday 16th Dec – School closes for Christmas 1pm

Wednesday 4th Jan – School re-opens to children 08.55



Congratulations to our Times Tables Rockstars this week:
Uzonna, Kenny, Izore, Joshua, Mason and Temilola




STARS OF THE WEEK

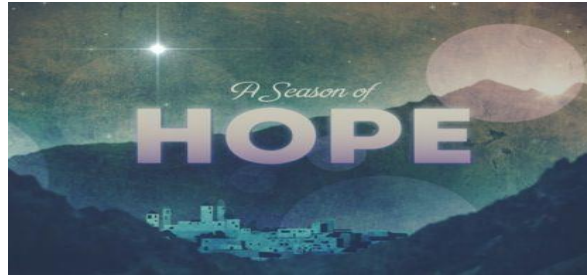
<p>Rech: Evan RecM: Joseph Y1J: Iris</p>	<p>Y1/2M: Oriella Y2R: Bertie Y3S: William</p>	<p>Y3-4D: Eadie-Mae Y4T: Durel Y5J: Declan</p>	<p>Y5M: Isaac Y6G: Amelia Y6W: Logan</p>
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Also a big well done to last week's winners:
Jacob, Nabel, Grace, Amelie, Conor, Toby, Sophie, Florence, Charlie and Sophia!

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

Take care and God bless!



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

Pope Francis