

Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Families,

Week 14

The weather has featured greatly in our plans for this week. Our planned visit to Chester Zoo was postponed due to very cold weather, luckily we have been able to move our tickets to February and the coach company were very accommodating too. The Year 6 Swimming Top up was also postponed due to heating problems at Wavertree. It looks like it will warm up over the weekend – but we will see what next week brings - hopefully outdoor playtimes!

I really felt like my Christmas had properly started this week as we have all enjoyed the Nativity plays in school – Reception presented **'Everyone love a baby!'** on Tuesday. They did all of us proud and put on a wonderful performance. I've just attended the Year 3&4 production of **'It's a Miracle'** and I am so proud of all the children involved. These things do not just happen and I'd like to thank all the staff for going over and above these past weeks to ensure that it would be 'alright on the night'. Thank you also to all families for helping with lines and songs and for providing costumes. We'd like to be able to hold a 'Costume Swap' in early December 2023 so if you have any Nativity costumes that you will no longer need please bring them in to school next week and we will store them until next year.

I'd like to thank our Governing body for their incredible support and hard work, ensuring we continue to strive to be the best we can possibly be and provide quality education for all children. Having served as a governor in another school I know what a commitment this is and how much time is needed to fulfil the role. I'd like to first welcome our new Parent Governor – Vickie Harrald who has a child in Reception and thank her for filling this important role. At the same time I'd like to publically thank Stephanie Chadwick our outgoing Parent Governor and Sean Doran who has completed his time as a Foundation Governor for the love, care and wisdom they have both brought to their roles and for being that critical friend in meetings. Our whole community owes them a huge debt of gratitude.

Next week we will be welcoming B Tales in for their Christmas production on Monday. Tuesday is our 'CTK Christmas Day' and everyone is invited to wear a Christmas jumper or something festive. We will have some special visitors in too – organised by the PTA. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner please make sure you have signed them up on the payment app.



We've usually broken up before the last candle is lit, however this weekend sees the Fourth Sunday of Advent and we will light the last purple candle, also known as the 'Angel's Candle. This Sunday we especially pray for peace, in our school, homes and in the world. Maybe you could take a moment out of your busy weekend to pause and to pray together as a family: God of light, you sent your angel to tell Joseph that Jesus was a special baby. Help us to remember that all babies are special because they are all part of your family and you love us all. Amen.

On Wednesday we will be saying goodbye and good luck to some of our staff: Mr Hurst as he takes up his new post at St Margaret Mary's Junior School; Miss Lawrenson who has been working with Cedar Class and with intervention groups (Mrs Moriarty will be in school full time from January). Although she has requested 'no fuss' I need to mention that Mrs Lee who works both in our kitchen and as a cleaner will be taking a well-earned retirement from Christ the King as we finish for Christmas. I'm sure we will all wish her well as she leaves us and that she will not be a stranger and we thank her especially for her many years of dedicated service

For those who are ready for Christmas – well done! And to those of us who will have a busy weekend rushing about getting ready – good luck!

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