Tuesday 20th December 2022

Dear Families,

End of Term - Christmas 2022

Reaching the end of a term always allows us to stop and reflect on all that we have achieved and to celebrate all the successes of the term. I'm incredibly proud of our school community, and all we have achieved since September, both in and out of the classroom. It's a real privilege to see how all our children grow and achieve and constantly reach personal bests. I love it when they come and share achievements from out of school clubs and activities too. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Santa Dash we will be sending £160 to the Marie Curie Hospice in Woolton.

I am looking forward to our Carol Service tomorrow led by Year 1 and 2. It's always a wonderful way to end the term, and if the Hymn Practices we've had last week are anything to go by the whole school is in good voice! We've had several renditions of the classic 'Twelve Days of Christmas' already – Mrs Griffin's legacy lives on, Mr Heery has taken on the baton in leading our actions!

School closes for the holiday tomorrow at 1:30pm, please can you remind those who are collecting of the earlier time. After School club also finishes at the earlier time of 4:00pm. Staff return on Wednesday 4th January, for staff training – the office will only be available to answer the phone in the afternoon. We will welcome the children back at 8:45am on Thursday 5th. PE lessons will recommence week beginning 9th January, so don't worry if it is a PE day or not – full uniform for the first two days.

As I mentioned last week, we bid our farewells to some of our staff. Mr Adam Hurst joined our school as a Newly Qualified Teacher in September 2018, has taught in Years 4,5 and 6 while he has been with us, leading Science across school and assisting with various residential experiences. His enthusiasm, commitment and attention to detail will be very much missed by us all, St Margaret Mary's are very lucky to be getting a wonderful Head of Year in January. Mrs Lee leaves us for pastures new tomorrow, she has held various roles including Cleaner and Catering Assistant. Her kindness, love of our school and willingness to help with any school event or situation will be very much missed. She always knows where we have stored things from one year to the next when they have been safely put away – she can expect many phone calls!

I know that Father Colin will be pleased to see as many families as possible at the Christmas Masses at Christ the King Church. On Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th) Masses will be at 5.30 pm, 9.00 pm & 12.00 Midnight and on Christmas Day (Sunday 25th) Mass will be at 9.30 am. We are all invited to 'Come and Adore Him'.

So as we finish this term, on behalf of all the Staff and Governors we wish you and all those you love every blessing as we celebrate the peace and joy of Christmas.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.



Have a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and every good wish for 2023.

David Delaney
Head Teacher

















