



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parent/Carer

The last few weeks leading up to Christmas have been busy, magical and very festive. We have made it through our first term, the children and staff have worked so hard and they all deserve their well earned festive break.

An Advent Prayer

Father in heaven,

We are getting ready to welcome your Son, Jesus.

Help us to draw ever closer to you.

So that we may be Ready to say 'Yes', just like Mary,

Ready to share the news like the angels,

Ready to worship like the shepherds and wise men.

We ask this through Jesus your Son,

Amen.

Thank you to all parents/carers, grandparents and friends who came to see our EYFS Nativity. I am sure you will agree that the children's performances in 'Oops a Daisy Angel' were fantastic. Well done Nursery and Reception children.

Year 1 and Year 2 performed a Christmas play of 'A Prickly Hay'. Thank you to everyone who attended. The singing from the children was fantastic, the songs were so jolly and fun, everyone left feeling the Christmas spirit.

Our key stage 2 children hosted a carol service in church. Thank you for all parents/carers, grandparents and friends who attended to support the children. The children read beautifully and they raised the roof with their harmonised singing. Well done key stage 2 you really were amazing!

Year 1 went snow tubing in December. They had a brilliant time, they enjoyed hot chocolate to warm up afterwards and Santa even made an appearance.

Thank you to the 'Friends of St. Joseph's' who organised the Christmas Fayre. The 'Friends' put a lot of hard work, effort and their own time into organising such an event and it was a great success. The queue for the tombola was huge, well done to everyone who won a prize.

The children from Year 1 to Year 5 enjoyed their Christmas party with a disco from Partyfunk. Thank you to Cheryl and Stacey for a wonderful party. The ladies also made it snow after school, thank you for organising this, great fun was had by all.

Year 5 attended the Emmaus Youth Village for two nights in December. There were some very tired children getting off the bus on their return. The children and staff had a brilliant time with all of the activities planned by the youth village team.

As part of their faith in action award, Year 6 have been selling Christmas cards in school. For a small donation, children could buy a Christmas card to be given to their class. Year 6 have chosen Cancer research as their chosen charity to donate the money raised. Thank you to everyone who bought a card.

A huge thank you to our kitchen staff, David, Vi and Shaun for the delicious Christmas lunch they prepared for the children and staff in December. There were no leftovers after lunch that day!

On Friday 12th January it is Rockstar day in school. Children can wear non-uniform and dress up as their favourite rock star to promote our times tables rock star battles!

After school clubs will resume on Monday 8th January. Please look out for a new letter which will have details of clubs available in the spring term. You will be able to sign your child up through Arbor.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during this term. I wish you and all of your family a peaceful, restful and happy Christmas.

God Bless,

Mrs E Maher