



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful week in school as the children have been preparing so reverently for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Our KS1 stars were amazing on Tuesday and Wednesday, showing us the true meaning of Christmas. Well done children and thank you to all of the staff who make this possible every year. We finished our term today with a beautiful Carol Service led by KS2 that gave the children time to reflect and prepare their hearts and minds for the season of Christmas.



This week's Gospel tells us of the special messages given to Joseph by the angel. Each year of the last Sunday of Advent, we look to Mary, our heavenly mother. St Joseph was open and obedient to God and cared for Mary.

“Lord, open my heart, mind and ears to receive your Word.”

This is how Jesus came to be born. His mother Mary was engaged to a man called Joseph; but before they could be married she became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary so he made plans to break the engagement privately. But the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because it is by the power of the Holy Spirit that she is going to have a son. You must name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord had told him to do and took Mary into his home as his wife.

Wednesday's Word is Mary

“Mary is the first and most perfect model of Jesus.”

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Weekly Mass

Thank you so much for all of the parents who have continued to support us through attending our weekly mass in school. There will be no mass on the first week back but please join us to celebrate again starting on Thursday 17th January at 9.10am.





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Attendance and Punctuality

The government expects all schools to have whole school attendance above 96%. We understand that there have been some stomach bugs and viruses around the last few weeks that have caused some children to be absent from school. However, in January, any parents whose child's attendance falls below 90% will be contacted by the school to discuss how we can support improving their child's attendance. It is also extremely important for children to be on time for school. Late arrival causes children to miss out on vital learning opportunities and causes distress for your child. Persistent lateness will also be monitored and parents contacted to discuss this matter. Thank you for continuing to support school with these important issues.

Fireside and St. Chad's Fundraising

Yesterday, Miss Weston and Mrs Cooper delivered huge amounts of essential items to these charities with the help of four children from KS2. The volunteers were incredibly grateful for everything. Thank you to all families who so kindly sacrificed their own needs to help others.

Christmas Raffles

The children have been working amazingly to earn raffles tickets to be in with the chance of receiving a gift for Christmas. Thank you to all of the staff who have donated to make our last day extra special for the children and a special thanks to Miss Weston for organising. It means a lot to our children.

Swimming

There will be no swimming on the first week back. It will start again on Monday 13th January.

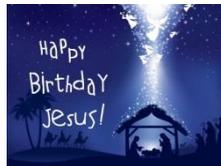
SATs Club- Year 6

Thank you to those parents who have returned the letters regarding SATs club. Please return permission letters if you have not done so already and remember that SATs Club begins on Tuesday 7th January.

Jewellery/Hairstyles

When the children return to school, please ensure that hairstyles are in line with school policy. Lines shaved into hair will not have grown out before the start of term so please support school with this. A reminder that earrings are not allowed to be worn in school.

We wish all our families and children a peaceful and happy Christmas.



Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper
Acting Vice Principal

