



'Working together to succeed, through faith in Jesus Christ'

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School News...



Mrs Porter	Christmas Parties	Christmas Holidays
<p>Today, in our celebration assembly, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Porter who retires from St. Stephen's tomorrow. Mrs Porter spoke fondly and lovingly about her time in school and the relationships she has with pupils and staff alike.</p> <p>We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Porter a long, happy and healthy retirement and we look forward to her popping back into school from time to time to help out and visit us.</p>	<p>All pupils are invited to come into school tomorrow in their party clothes for a morning of festive fun and games! The staff will be providing a range of activities for the children to enjoy which will be rounded off with a special party box lunch at lunchtime. There will also be a 'special visitor' to school tomorrow! All pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2 receive the party box meal free and pupils in KS2 must top up their ParentPay account in order to have a party box lunch.</p>	<p>REMINDER:</p>  <p>We break up for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm on Friday 20 December.</p> <p>Pupils will return to school on Monday 6 January 2020 at 8.45am for the start of the Spring Term.</p>
<h2>Christmas Events</h2>		

Thank you to our families who attended our Christmas Liturgy at church yesterday. The children read confidently and clearly. Our choir led the singing wonderfully which really added to the occasion. The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas and I echo Father John's sentiments by encouraging our families to attend Mass over Christmas as part of your Christmas reflections and celebrations. The church newsletter accompanies this newsletter with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass times.

I would like to thank you all for your support with our Christmas activities over the last few weeks and indeed over the last term. September seems like such a long time ago as we have had such a busy and productive Autumn Term. On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and holy Christmas and a very happy new year.



**Best wishes,
Mr Hatton**



SPRING TERM 2020 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Reception, Years 1 and 2 trip to the Pantomime takes place on Wednesday 8th January.
- Year 5 Parents/Carers' Meeting for Kingswood Residential in Y6 takes place on Tuesday 14th January at 9am.
- Year 2 End of Key Stage Assessment Parents/Carers' Meeting takes place on Thursday 16th January at 9am.
- Year 6 End of Key Stage Assessment Parents/Carers' Meeting takes place on Thursday 23rd January at 9am.