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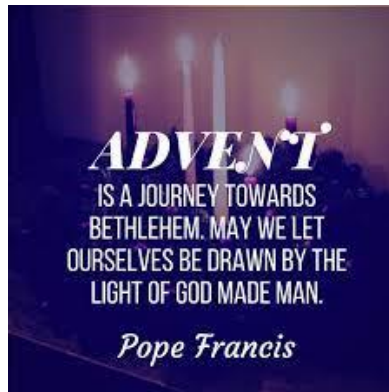
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Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below news of happenings across the school this week and forthcoming events and dates for your diary.



“Behold the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and house of Judah.” Jeremiah 33:14-16

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December, we will celebrate the National Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. This will be celebrated a day later, due to events happening in school the day earlier. We invite all of our children to come into school on the Friday in a festive jumper, with all monetary donations going in aid of Save the Children. Thank you for your support with this.



#BeeThere – This Christmas: Caritas Appeal

During the season of Advent, we always think of how we can support and give to others. Now more than ever is it important to think of others and let them know that they are not alone, particularly this Christmas. As a school, we have come to school in our own clothes today to raise money for the Salford Diocese Caritas Appeal. Many thanks for your generous donations.



Reminder - KS1 Knowsley Safari Trip

If you would like your Y1 or Y2 child to attend the trip to Knowsley Safari Park on Thursday 23rd January 2025, please remember to log on to our school app, School Gateway, to give your consent for your child to attend the trip and make the payment of £15.00 by Monday 13th January 2025.



Christmas Performances at St Margaret Mary's:

Key Stage Two Carol Service:

As per the diary, we begin the first of our Christmas Performances this week with our Key Stage Two Carol Service on Thursday 12th December. This will be celebrated in St Margaret Mary's Church. We ask that all Key Stage Two pupils attend and arrive at the church in their school uniform for 5:15pm. All parents are welcome to attend the Carol Service and support us in giving thanks and praise. The Carol Service will start at 5:30pm and finish at approximately 6:15pm. All pupils are to be collected from the church by an adult. We look forward to celebrating this special season with carols and readings.

EYFS and KS1 Nativities:

Our Early Years and Key Stage One pupils will be performing the Nativity to parents in our final week of school on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December respectively. This year we are excited to make use of our school hall and have just this week had a stage located there. However, due to capacity and limited space in the hall, tickets are limited to two per pupil. In light of this important health and safety matter, we will be issuing tickets to families in advance. A letter will be sent home this evening detailing important information regarding this.

Due to limited capacity and the health safety of all, the morning performances will be for Nursery parents and Year One parents respectively, with the afternoon performances being for Reception and Year Two parents. We ask that you please complete the slip attached to the letter and return this by Tuesday 10th December at the latest. If you have any questions regarding the performances and or tickets please speak to your child's classteacher, who will be best placed to deal with any queries or additional requests. Many thanks for your understanding and support with this.



Friends of St Margaret Mary's: Christmas Discos

As you will no doubt be aware, our Christmas Discos have started this week and will continue into the final two weeks of term. A reminder that dates and times are as follows below:

- *KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Monday 9th December 2.45-4:00pm*
- *LKS2 (Y3 & Y4) Tuesday 10th December 2.45-4:00pm*
- *UKS2 (Y5 & Y6) Monday 16th December 3.30-4:30pm*

If you wish for your child to stay and attend our Christmas discos, please make a payment of £3.00 using our School Gateway app. For this, your child will receive a sweet treat, a drink and enjoy a fun and festive disco. Please note that on the relevant disco date that applies to your child, we are inviting pupils in that year only to attend school in their own clothes. There will be an opportunity for all children to be involved in some fun festive activities on the day even if they are unable to attend our discos. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



Our Amazing Work

EYFS welcomed a special visitor to school today, Father Christmas came to visit and gave gifts to all of the children!



1T have been working together to make equal groups.



2M have been using 'Music Lab' to use sequences of notes that create music.



3/4D have opened their Advent calendar and reflected on God's unending love at this special time.



5C are making good progress in their DT projects, they are making waistcoats for themselves and their teddy bears.



Star of the Week

Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week'



This half term we are growing to be **intentional** in the way we live and use the resources of the earth and **prophetic** in the way we set examples for others.

Well done to all of our pupils who showed these virtues over the week.





Congratulations to our Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars this week! Keep up the good work!

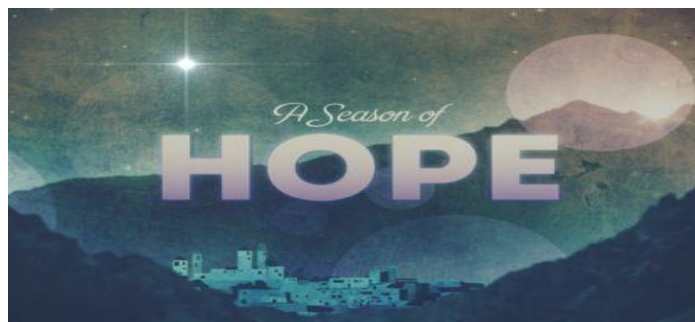


1/2M are this week's joint 'Class Attendance Winners' with an excellent attendance of 98.3%!

NurW 96.6%	Nur/RecW 83.8%	RecK 93%	1T 90%	1/2M 98.3%	2M 94%
3S 95.2%	3/4D 90.7%	4C 97.7%	5C 95.9%	5J 95.7%	6G 98%
6W 94.5%					

Hope you a lovely weekend. Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton



"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." - Pope Benedict XVI

Dates to remember

Monday 9th December – KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Disco 2.45-4.00pm

Monday 9th December – Pupil Profit Team to Green Summit

Tuesday 10th December – LKS2 (Y3 & Y4) Christmas Disco 2.45-4.00pm

Thursday 12th December – Choir to sing at The Irish World Heritage Centre

Thursday 12th December – KS2 Christmas Carol Service 5.30pm-6.15pm

Friday 13th December –Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 16th December – EYFS Performance

(9.30am-10.15 am 2.30pm-3.00pm)

Monday 16th December – UKS2 (Y5 & Y6) Christmas Disco 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 17th December – KS1 Performance

(9.30am-10.15 am 5pm-5.45pm)

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner day

Thursday 19th December – School Closes for Christmas 1pm

Monday 6th January – School re-opens for all children at 8.45am

