

# St. Marie's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

20th December 2024

Dear Families,

## It has been a fantastic Autumn term

I would like to thank all families for your continued support for the children and for school.

Thank you to the staff who work so very hard and go the extra mile, including the staff who you might not see – Mr Steve the Caretaker, our office staff, Bev and Wendy our cleaners and our kitchen staff.



Thank you to our hardworking PTFA team who give of their own time to help fund raising events.

Thank you to our school Governors who are a huge support for our school.

All of these people help to make Saint Marie's the special place it is.

Of course, I can not forget the very important people – the children! Our children are a wonderful group of young people who inspire us everyday with their smiles, joy and love for learning and each other. They really do learn through 'Faith, Love and Respect'.

**LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT**

As 2024 comes to a close here at school and we break up for the Christmas holidays, let us be reminded of the messages that the children have shared with us through their Nativity plays and Collective Worships this week and last. In particular, let us think of the Shepherds with their awe, wonder and excitement on finding the baby Jesus in the manger. Like the Shepherds, let us spread the good news of the special child who was born, Christ Jesus, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

**A prayer ....**

**Lord God,**

**Bless us as we journey together in hope.**

**May the peace of the angels fill our minds,**

**The Joy of the shepherds fill our hearts**

**And the wisdom of the wise men guide our steps.**

**Amen**



## **Hampers**

The beautiful hampers were won by –

Phoebe from Reception, Kian from Pre-School, Olive from Year 4, Reeva from Year 1, Jenson from Year 4, Noah from Pre-School, Lucas from Year 1, Olivia from Year 2, Rosie from Reception, Francesca from Year 6 and Mia from Year 2. Congratulations!

Thank you everyone who supported.

## **Team Points**

This term's team point winners were Green House Point Team – Clitherow. Very well done – I hope you enjoy the extra playtime treat tomorrow.

## CAFOD

The children's leadership team met with me and discussed what the fund -raising money should buy. The children decided on the following –

Chirpy Chickens, Teach a Class to Read, a Marvellous Moo Cow, Forest school, Help a Refugee child, Wonderful Worms and Happy Bees.

Well done and thank you everyone!

## Other News this week

Pre School have been busy building a brilliant sleigh for Father Christmas.



Reception have been using problem solving skills to make Santa's train track.



Year 1 have been printing in the style of Yayoi Kusama.



Year 2 have made fabulous gingerbread houses and lots of Christmas crafts this week.



Year 3 have been sharing their topic homework about volcanoes.



Year 4 did a wonderful Advent Reflection for their families.



Year 5 designed and cooked their own mini frittatas using seasonal and locally sourced produce.



Year 6 have also been cooking. They designed and baked gluten free goodies.



## Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Please find below the attendance figures for the week ending the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Class	Attendance	Number of lates
Reception	95.6	
Year 1	95.4	4
Year 2	96.7	
Year 3	95.0	3
Year 4	94.5	
Year 5	94.8	5
Year 6	94.7	

**Our school target is 96.5%. Please be mindful of not booking holidays in term time.**

**Dates for your diary** - any highlighted dates show new information that has been added since last week's newsletter.

<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> January	Start back. Children should arrive in between 8.45 – 8.55am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	A visit from the Guide Dogs team
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	'Break the Rules Day'
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 go to Low Bank Ground, Coniston, for the week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term Week
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday – Father Joseph visits school 2pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 go on residential to the Anderton Centre
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter



## This week's Golden Book children

Pre-School – **Esme** for showing kindness to friends if they are feeling sad.

Reception – **Phoebe** for always trying her best. She loves to learn!

Year 1 – **Florence** for always looking out for other people and being so caring.

Year 2 – **Isaac** for a great term, joining in with everything and doing fantastic learning!

Year 3 – **Eva** for always being organised and working hard.

Year 4 – **Elisabeth** for working hard in all areas and making excellent progress.

Year 5 – **Jordyna** for excellent reading out in Collective Worship.

Year 6 – **Isaac** for great teamwork during baking.

**Ruth** for commitment to homework and going the extra mile.



Well done children!

*I pray that you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas with your families.*

**With very best wishes**

**Mrs Jackson**