

# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."

## A Message from Mrs. Blincow...

Dear Parent/Carers,

At this time every year, we hear songs and carols that are very familiar to us. So familiar that sometimes we forget to listen to the messages they contain. As we watched and listened to the children in Reception and KS1 perform their Christmas play, *The Nativity*, we were reminded that God became one of us and entered our world as a vulnerable baby, dependent on the care of those around him and especially the care of his mother, Mary. I was reminded of how lucky I am to work in a school where everyone cares and looks out for each other. This is especially true when I think of the generosity and kindness you show when we ask for donations to support good causes, which support the vulnerable in our society.

As well as the donations from Christmas Jumper Day, which will be used to support the Diocesan Love Christmas 2022 Campaign, the children have also chosen gifts to send to our 'global brothers and sisters' as part of the Cafod Gift for Christmas appeal – gifts include a goat, chickens, equipment and seeds to set up vegetable gardens and money to help sponsor teaching children to read.

We truly are blessed with such thoughtful and caring children.

Have a wonderful week Mrs Blincow



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### **The Nativity**

This week our Reception and KS1 children retold the story of the very first Christmas in their play, The Nativity. With parents watching on, the children confidently delivered their lines, sang, danced and sparkled as they proclaimed the true message of Christmas. It truly was a joyous event. Congratulations to everyone. (More photographs can be found in the Gallery section of the school website.)









### **Term Dates**

Advent Term Monday 31st October 2022 Year 2 – St. Andrew's Assembly Tuesday 29th November 9am Reception Assembly Tuesday 6th December Pantomime – Snow White Wednesday 7th December EYFS/KS1 Nativity Thursday 8th December KS2 - Carols Around The Tree Wednesday 14th December Term Ends

### St. Nicholas' Day Celebrations



On Tuesday, Reception class led the KS1 Assembly as they celebrated the life of their class saint. With parents watching on, they told how Saint Nicholas was known for his generosity and kindness, which gave rise to legends of miracles he performed for the poor and unhappy. St. Nicholas is also the Patron Saint of children, and what a fitting celebration from the children on his Feast day.

#### **Snow White**





On Wednesday this week, the hall was filled with singing and laughter as performers from M&M Production Company put on the well-known tale 'Snow White' for their young audience. The panto was full of laughs and spills and the resident 'bad guy' in the form of the evil queen but as always, good prevailed and they all lived happily ever after. It was lovely to see even our older children get so involved. A great time was had by all.

### **Promoting A Love of Reading**

We do like to encourage our children to read, so when a parcel arrived for Reception class this week we were delighted to find that inside were free Time to Read packs from The Book Trust. This year, the packs included a copy of *We're going to Find the Monster* by Malorie Blackman and Dapo Adeola. Happy reading everyone.





### Christmas Jumper Day





The school was 'ablaze' with colour, as the children wore their brightest and most festive Christmas jumpers to school on Friday. With donations going to fill the bags for the Diocesan Love Christmas 2022 Campaign, the children's contributions are sure to make many people's Christmas brighter.

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