



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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As we head into the Christmas holiday, we were blessed to come together to celebrate the very special message of Christmas at our Carol Service last night. Thank you to Mrs Brennan who once again wrote an inspiring service and worked with Mrs Derby and Miss P to help the children prepare. Thank you to Miss Church, our music teacher, for her work preparing the carols and to Mr Daltry for agreeing to accompany the children. We are so grateful to this wonderful team for all they have done. Above all, thank you to the Year 4 children who worked so hard and spoke and sang so beautifully. At such a challenging and busy time for many of us, it is often hard to remember the messages of love, peace, hope and joy that Jesus' birth brings. So, it was with great pride that we watched our children remind us of the true meaning of Christmas as they shared with us the story of the greatest gift of all.

Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 3rd January – Start of spring term

Friday 6th January – Epiphany Mass led by Year 6 – 9.30am

Monday 9th January – Year 4 Museum of Richmond craft workshop

Friday 13th January – Year 3 class assembly after drop off

Sunday 15th January - First holy Communion Enrollment Mass

Friday 20th January - Year 2 class assembly after drop off

Friday 27th January - Year 1 class assembly after drop off

Monday 30th January – Individual Support Plan Meetings with parents all week

Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February – Year 3 Safe Walking Training

Friday 3rd February – Reception class assembly after drop off

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th February – Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 7th February – Swimming Gala

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February – Half Term

Christmas Charity Appeal – Thank you

Yesterday, Centrepont came to collect our donations – expertly wrapped by Year 5 and were amazed by how much the school and parish had contributed. It is such a testament to our community that at this busy and difficult time we were able to come together to support those in need. Father Adrian and I are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

Shop 'til You Drop

Our Year 6 pupils have been running their Shop til You Drop businesses over this term and we have greatly enjoyed their stalls at the Christmas Fair and the in-school market. The children did a fantastic job and

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The Year of Global Citizens – “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi

raised an amazing £585.71. Well done to Year 6 and thank you to Mrs O’Gorman and all the parents who helped and supported this exciting initiative.

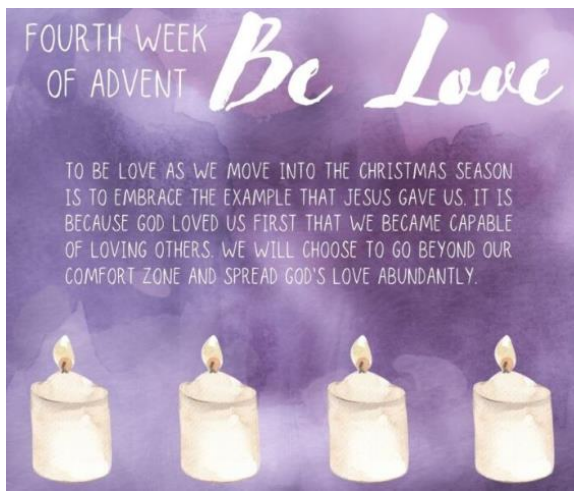


Shop Til You Drop December 2022

Christmas Thanks

At this time of year, I am so thankful to be part of such a special community. Thank you as always to Father Adrian who works tirelessly for our school and parish. Thank you to our governors who continue to work to support the school it was wonderful for them to support our open morning for parents and have a chance to talk about their vital role in ensuring the school is effectively run. A special thanks to all of our parents, led by the PTA, for all the time, energy and funds they have given to the school over the past term. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As you will see from the PTA’s newsletter they have already raised £7,964 an incredible total for the term which will make a real difference to our children. I am also full of gratitude to our staff who continue to work so hard to ensure to do the very best for each and every child in our care.

Of course, the biggest thank you is to our children. Their enthusiasm and determination are an inspiration from our Reception children, who have just completed their first term at school to our Year 6 children who have led us so brilliantly in our Remembrance Service and in all their positions of responsibility within the school. Our Year 1 and 2 children were fabulous in our Nativity and our Year 3 and 5 children led our Advent Liturgies with confidence and reverence. Finally, our Year 4 pupils have made a wonderful start to the year as a combined class and the Carol Service was a wonderful example of their fantastic work.



Advent

As the fourth Sunday of Advent approaches, we think about how the gift of his son, Jesus, shows to us God's great love for us all. As Father Adrian said in his blessing we feel so fortunate as a community to be able to share this love with everyone recognising that the word Catholic means universal.

At school, we have reflected on who loves us, how love makes us feel and how we show our love to others by following Christ's example. I hope that your Christmas is full of love and laughter.

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Skye Young

Year 1 Australia – Digby Heyland

Year 2 Africa – Luke Booth

Year 3 North America – Elena Ogura

Year 4 South America – The Whole Class

Year 5 Europe – The Whole Class

Year 6 Asia – Eliana Legesse

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Stanley and Isaac wonderful writing

Daniel, Isaac, Benjamin, Alice for excellent work making their own fruit salads

Oliver, Charlie and Rosie for their exciting recounts

Veronica, Evie Rose, Sofia Farrant, Abraham, Max, Rose Thistleton, Chloe and Amelia for fantastic book bags

Felix, Luke B and Theia for their marvellous moving monsters

Rosie, Jo, Luke and Tilly for their songs of praise

Have a wonderful holiday with your children and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 3rd January.

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher