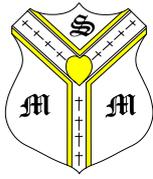


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 14th December 2018

CAFOD
Just one world

We know that some children, staff and Governors like to give Christmas cards to their friends in school but rather than do this, School Council are asking everyone to make a donation instead of buying cards and capture the true spirit of giving.

Over the years, we have supported a wide variety of charities providing support and care to children and families. This year we have chosen to support CAFOD World Gifts.

Your generous donations will enable each class to purchase gifts from CAFOD and together we will make a difference by buying gifts for people who really need them or equipping people with the skills and opportunities to live with dignity, support their families and give something back to their communities.



Sharing our Faith Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. **Gaudete** means 'Rejoice'. It is a day to be joyful about the coming of Jesus. It is marked by the lighting of the pink candle on the Advent Wreath.

Today we break from the Gospel of Mark to hear from the Gospel of John, who talks about John the Baptist from a slightly different perspective. John the Baptist here is 'a witness to tell the world about the light'. He is 'sent by God' – a man with a mission, just as we have a mission. The passage calls us to recognise the light here in our world, and to testify in whatever way we are able to that light to others.

We Pray

Loving Lord, as we look forward to Jesus' birthday, help us to remember that you will come into the world again. We want to be acting in a way that shows your love always to others. Amen.

Message from Father Ian

St Margaret Mary's Church

Carol Service with the Blessing of the Baby Jesus figures & the Christmas Tree on

Sunday 16th December at 3pm Bring the Baby Jesus from your Crib at home to be blessed in church.

We are joined by the choirs of our two schools and our church music group.

Christmas Day Masses

Family Mass at 5:30pm (24th Dec), Midnight Mass & Family Mass at 10am

Please make every effort to come to Church on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour.



School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance

Class 1	98.7%	Class 7	95.3%
Class 2	96.7%	Class 8	99.3%
Class 3	93.3%	Class 9	97.7%
Class 4	97.7%	Class 10	95%
Class 5	99.3%	Class 11	99.3%
Class 6	92.3%	Class 12	97%

Our target for attendance is 96%.
 Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 12
 Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 6
 Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18th December	YEAR 2 ADVENT SERVICE AT 2.15PM ALL WELCOME
Tuesday 18th December	PARTY DAY FOR NURSERY AND RECEPTION (PARTY CLOTHES)
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Grotto with Father Christmas
Friday 21st December	Year 1 and Year 2 party day (PARTY CLOTHES)
Friday 21st December	VISIT TO EVERY CLASS BY FATHER CHRISTMAS!
Friday 21st December	FINISH AT 2PM FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



Nursery Nativities

Well done to our youngest children who, over the last two weeks, have wowed and entertained all their families with their retelling of the Christmas Story.

Well done to Mrs Kerr, all members of staff and parents who have helped to prepare the children for these very special events.

Reception Advent Service

Today, we gathered in St Margaret Mary's Church for a beautiful and prayerful service led by our reception children, who retold the story of Christmas and led us in prayer.

Well done to all the teachers, teaching assistants and parents who helped to

prepare for this



FOSMMIS Christmas Grotto

On Thursday evening, we enjoyed a special visit for Father Christmas. Father Christmas is very busy at this time of year but has made room in his schedule to visit our school on three occasions; for two Christmas grotto nights and on the last day of term. Thank you to all who took part on Thursday,