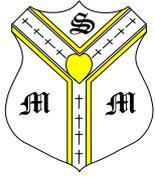


# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 21st December 2018

Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

We have all had a busy Autumn term learning lots of new things, working hard and looking after each other. We are so proud of all our children and all the progress they have made in school so far this year and in so many different ways. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community a happy and holy Christmas and a fantastic New Year .

Lots of love,

All the staff and governors of St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

Fr Ian would like to wish our governors, staff, children and their families a very joyful and holy Christmas and a happy New Year. Our Christmas Masses are at 5:30pm, Midnight and 10am. He looks forward to seeing you as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Saviour.



### School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance

Class 1	94%	Class 7	90%
Class 2	97.7%	Class 8	93.3%
Class 3	86%	Class 9	91.3%
Class 4	95.3%	Class 10	94.7%
Class 5	92.7%	Class 11	95.7%
Class 6	93.7%	Class 12	88.3%

**Our target for attendance is 96%.**

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 11  
Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 6  
Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 2

### **Carol Service**



Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who attended the parish Carol Service on Sunday. The children were a credit to their families. They sang beautifully and their behaviour throughout was perfect.

A very special moment was when all the children came forward to have the figure of Jesus from their crib blessed.

### **Year 2 Advent Service**

Thank to the children, Mrs Jennings and the staff of Year 2 for leading us in a prayerful service on Tuesday afternoon.

We all listened carefully to the retelling of the Christmas story and how sometimes the true meaning of Christmas can become lost in busy preparations for Christmas day.



### **Visit by Father Christmas**

We were surprised today by a special visitor. Father Christmas came to school and because the children have been so good this term, he bought with him an early Christmas present.

Well done children.



### ***Christmas Parties***

*On Tuesday, our Early Years children celebrated their Christmas parties and today it was the turn of our Year 1 and Year 2 children. All the children had a great time. Thank you to all involved.*

### **FOSMMIS Christmas Grotto**



On Wednesday 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 Wednesday, especially the members of our 'Friends' association. £1500 was raised from both Christmas Grottos and the Christmas Bingo.