

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

December 2021



Dear parents and carers,

We are nearing the end of another term where despite the challenges we still face due to the Covid pandemic, we have much to celebrate. Although we hoped to be able to welcome all parents back to events, this has not been possible due to the advice given by public health and the trust following a number of cases in our schools, and the impact of this identified new strain.

As always, our pupils and staff have demonstrated great kindness and support for one another - living out our mission 'Love one another.' They are all superheroes and most definitely on Santa's good list.



Our Advent Journey

As we continue our Advent journey, we think about how can we bring hope, peace, joy and love to our families and to the people we meet in our daily lives as we prepare for the birth of Our Lord.



We say a very fond farewell to Mrs. Bradley who is retiring on Wednesday. We thank her very much for all her hard work, her compassion and the dedication she shown to her St Margaret Clitherow Family over the past twenty-two years.

We send her our love and we wish her every happiness as she begins the next chapter of her life.



We will also be saying goodbye to Father John, he is leaving the Parish at the end of January - more about that in the New Year.

Thank you

Christmas is a time for giving - at St Margaret Clitherow, this term has been a time for giving. You have been fantastic supporting us with food at harvest time and money for various charities. May we take this opportunity to say a **massive thank you** for all the Church events you have attended. There are many not only in our school and local community but around the world who have benefitted from your generosity.

Thought for Christmas:

We tend to forget how busy the lead up to Christmas is, and it is all too easy in the hustle and bustle of preparations to forget just what a privilege it is to be in school at this time of year. When children's faces light up in anticipation, - what a wonderful sight.

It is also easy to forget the real meaning of Christmas at times, but I am confident that the children have reminded us again this year about the true spirit of Christmas. This has been shown in the wonderful Christmas performance of the Nativity, and the way the children worked together to perform with confidence and joy.

But after the Christmas pudding has gone down, the glitter hoovered up and Santa returned back to Lapland, we are left with a New Year. It is our chance to look forward, a chance to make promises (that we may stand a chance of keeping!) and a chance to build a new year full of memories - and, as usual to give the children the best memories and experiences we can and together helping them to 'be the best that they can be'.

I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication - truly a school family.

May we all - staff and governors at St Margaret Clitherow School express our thanks for your support throughout this term. We are all very grateful for your encouragement and know how much your children benefit from all the help you give them at home.

We wish you all a happy, peaceful and holy Christmas and a new year filled with joy.

School starts again in on the **5th January**, INSET is on the 4th January - no children in school that day.

With love and prayers from

'The Team at St Margaret Clitherow'

Diary Dates	
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 15 th December	Mrs Bradley Retiring
Friday 17 th December	School Closes for the Christmas holidays
Tuesday 4 th January	Staff INSET no children in school
Wednesday 5 th January	Children return to school

