

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Christmas Performances

- Tuesday 10th December—NURSERY @9:30am—School hall
- Tuesday 10th December—Reception @2pm—School Hall
- Tuesday 10th December—KS1 Carol Concert @6:30pm—STM church
- Wednesday 11th December—Reception @9:30am—School hall



### Information

- Wednesday 11th December—Panto for EYFS & KS1 pm—school hall children only
- Friday 13th December—Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner day

### PTA—Details to follow

- Saturday 7th December—Christmas party day @STM Parish centre
- Tuesday 10th December—Mince pies & Mulled wine after KS1 carol concert @STM Parish centre
- Monday 16th December—Story time @STM school

### Christmas Party days

- Monday 16th December—EYFS
- Tuesday 17th December—UKS2
- Wednesday 18th December—LKS2
- Thursday 19th December—KS1

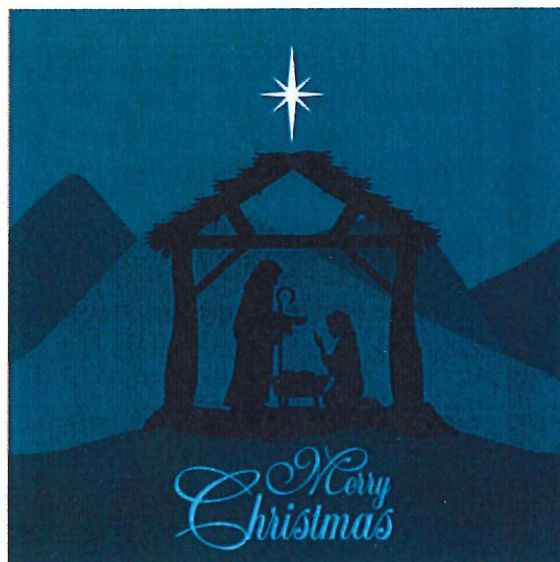
Whole school mass to be arranged

**SCHOOL CLOSSES Friday 20th December (The Annex to close @5pm)**

#### Expectations

Please can we remind you about our expectations for uniform and conduct on school grounds

- \* Black school shoes, no trainers
- \* Bows should be Navy, Blue or Black
- \* No earrings or jewellery should be worn
- \* PE kit in school at all times (Red school top)
- \* No chewing gum
- \* Bikes—children must wear a helmet riding to school, they **must not** ride their bike on the school grounds.
- \* Dogs are not permitted on school grounds.
- \* Mobile phones should only be brought by children walking to/from school on their own. They must be handed into the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day.







# ADVENT!

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The children are all excited as Advent begins, they are practicing performances and making heartfelt promises of gifts to share with Baby Jesus on his birthday.

## Outdoor learning & Forest School

We are so lucky at St Thomas More to have wonderful grounds to be able to offer enriched learning opportunities for our children. Many of our children participate in outdoor learning on a weekly basis.

Recently we have had the opportunity for Miss Hughes and Mrs Ryder to be trained in aspects of Forest School by a local trainer. There is a group of children involved in the project who are also being trained in some of the skills.

After their project is completed we are extending it to different groups throughout the school.

## Sporting achievements.

Mrs Pennells reports that our children have been very successful in the many competitions and have conducted themselves with great sporting attitudes.

We say CONGRATULATIONS to them and thank them for representing school in such an excellent manner.

## Bronze Badges

As ever our children are always amazing and this is regularly shown in our Good to Be Green Behaviour policy. It has been my pleasure today to be able to award our first set of Bronze badges. Well done to those children who have been on green for 10 weeks (even with all the poorliness that has been happening).

## Social Media

In this technological age we are aware that our children are more advanced on all aspects of social media sites.

We have purchased a resource called eAware. The resource eAWARE offers a unique online safety programme for both schools and families, designed by a team



of educational psychologists, teachers and child protection experts.

The online world is extremely important for the younger generation and we all have a responsibility to ensure each and every young person has the skills they need to stay safe online.

We have been made aware recently about children sharing images on WhatsApp and videos on TikTok. WhatsApp is a closed system and Mrs Quigg had a discussion with the children about appropriateness of what was being shared. Tik Tok is a social media site and I would urge parents to check if their child has an account also to look at the advice from the site <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/for-parents?lang=en>

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Quigg, Miss Dodd and Miss Barran for successfully completing the Catholic Leadership Programme. They were presented with their certificate by Bishop John after mass in the cathedral on Tuesday evening.



## Official forms of Communication

As a school we try to ensure you are kept fully informed. The official forms of communication used are:-

- ♦ Letter
- ♦ Text
- ♦ Twitter
- ♦ Newsletter
- ♦ Phone calls
- ♦ School website (the calendar is kept up to date with events)

*Thought for the month...*

*When is he coming...the Redeemer!*

