

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. Winter has definitely arrived for the start of term for the new year.

Last term was very busy and seems so long ago, but I wanted to remind you about some of the experiences we had during November and December 2024.

Parents Meetings

Thank you to all who attended the parents meetings in November the teachers thoroughly enjoy celebrating your child’s learning and successes with you.

Our next Parents Meetings week will be the week beginning Monday 7th April, details to be shared after half term.

Communication Systems

Just a reminder regarding how school communicates with you:

Class Dojo which is now used to celebrate and share information from the departments or class teachers. It is used as a behaviour point system in which the children work towards a treat. The messaging service has changed, staff can NO LONGER reply to messages, they can read them, but are unable to reply. They may ring or email you to say that a message has been received but this will not be during teaching time.

Teacher2Parents this is currently the system we use for all our text messages and emails. Text messages and emails cannot be replied to so if you have any queries please ring the office **0161 643 7132**.

Letters we will often send letters and newsletters via email, but at times a paper copy will come home with your child.

An important note is that **school has no WhatsApp**, whilst I understand that parents share information on this system, if in doubt it is always important to check with the school office.

Health

We had a few NHS health initiatives last term with the Flu vaccinations and Vision screening for Reception children.

In Spring 2 the Year 6 Height and weight programme will take place.

Extra-curricular opportunities

UKS2—Mrs Owen’s Art club continues to be very popular, the next group begins Thursday 9th January.

LKS2— are going to be running a Laudato Si club—details to follow.

KS1 Trip to Elizabeth Gaskell House

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day to celebrate their learning and participating in the workshop.



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Parish Christmas Fair Saturday 14th December

Thank you for all the donations for the Chocolate Tombola, it was a very popular stall. Thank you to all who supported on the day and to the STM choir led by Miss Barran and Mrs Coughlan who sang so beautifully

Friends of St Thomas More RC (FoSTM)

Bags to School one collection was held, but the company have explained due to Brexit and the effect of pirates on shipping lanes the money earned per kilo has dramatically reduced, so at the moment there will be no more collections.



In December the Friends of St Thomas More (FoSTM) kindly gifted funds to support our Christmas parties, including an invitation to The Grinch for LKS2 & UKS2, also sent a delivery from Santa of selection boxes for all the children.



Lunchtime Awards

In order to support Our new Behaviour Policy Mrs Williams and the Lunch team give out points for each department which are tallied and a weekly winner is announced. The children are also given links for a chain for positive behaviour from the lunch staff.



The results for Autumn Term are below, well done to UKS2 who were the Autumn Term winners.

Department	Number of weekly wins
EYFS	1
KS1	3
LKS2	2
UKS2	5

Christmas 2024

Panto Day—all the children enjoyed Sleeping Beauty either at the theatre or in school



Reindeer Run for Springhill — the children were fantastic on our Reindeer 'stroll' thank you for all the amazing contributions which were coming in still this week. We are waiting for our final total from the Springhill team.



Christmas jumper & Christmas lunch day— as always our kitchen staff did a wonderful job on Christmas dinner day. The lunch was lovely. We are waiting for our final total collected for Save the Children for the Christmas jumpers.



Neighbourhood Christmas cards - Every child in school made a Christmas Card and every department walked around the local area delivering the cards to the neighbours. The children loved the welcome they got and we have received wonderful messages of thanks form our local community.



Early Years Christmas Worships

Every year our Nursery and Reception children take us through the Nativity story, this will forever feel like the start of Christmas to me.



Key Stage 1

All the children led us through Nativity with singing, narration and carols.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Information

Monday 6th January

Feast of the Epiphany - School reopens

Friday 24th January

School Launch of Jubilee Year—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Friday 7th February

NSPCC number day—details to follow

Friday 7th February—14th February

Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 14th February

School closes for Half term at 3:10pm (Annex open)

Monday 24th February

School reopens

Friday 28th February

Y6 Nurses in for Height & Weight

Monday 7th April

Parents meetings week—details to follow

Friday 11th April

1:30PM FINISH FOR EASTER BREAK – NO ANNEX CLUB

Tuesday 23rd April

SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SUMMER TERM

The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them



Thank you so much for your continuing support.

Mrs Butterworth

MISSION STATEMENT

As servants of God, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. through his love, we guide each member of our family on their own spiritual journey to achieve and grow.

We love, we learn, we live with Christ.