

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Following Jesus in all we do'

17th December 2021

Dear Parents

As this Autumn Term draws to a close and we prepare for Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to again thank you all for your support this term. It is a privilege to be head teacher of this wonderful school. As we look ahead to the challenges of 2022, we must keep uppermost the exciting opportunities that we can make happen for our children too.

Last week we celebrated with our annual Christmas dinner – COVID- safe style! It was so lovely to have KS2 in the hall celebrating and KS1 enjoyed their Christmas boxes in their classrooms. Tina and her team always do such a wonderful job in the kitchen as do the lunch staff both inside and on the playground.

This week we have had a daily reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. All of the KS1 classes have shared their version of the Christmas story with their parents, which has been so special. KS2 held a beautiful carol service in the hall which we have recorded and will be available for you to access on the Catholic Life page of the website. Thank you to all of the teachers for their hard work and dedication and to the children for their enthusiasm, singing voices and acting. We would be really interested in your response to this way of sharing Christmas instead of a performance involving the whole of KS1. We feel that it is the way forward but would be interested in your thoughts.

Huge thanks to the Friends – the hampers looked amazing and I know that the successful winners have been collecting them all week; thanks to Mrs Hunt and Mrs Burston for helping with this. Thank you for your kindness in giving to this lovely initiative. Keeping kindness as our theme, a huge thank you to our kitchen staff, Tina, Amanda and Danni, for the Winter parcels. Thanks too to Year 6 staff and children for helping to put them together. Christmas is a time for giving and for goodwill to all. We have definitely spread that this week.

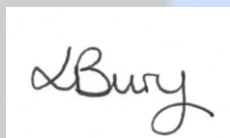
Golden Certificates were given out yesterday. I visited each class and presented them to the children which was very special.

This just leaves me to wish each and every one of you and your families, from the staff and Governors, a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5th January rested and ready to go!!

Please do take note of the COVID updates in the newsletter, that was sent yesterday, you will also find them on the website.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury



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Headteacher