

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Tea and Toast

Please find below a message from our fantastic Family Worker Julie Barnaville!

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*You are all invited to join me in our Family Room for tea and toast on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30 – 9.30am. This is an opportunity to come in, have a chat and ask any questions you may have. You are all very welcome! I look forward to seeing you! I will even make sure Mr Chiswell provides some nice chocolate biscuits!*

*Julie.*

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This week **Fr Ugo** came into school to celebrate Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. During the Service, Year 6 explored the scripture of The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38). Just as Mary listened to God and accepted his plan for her, we too need to learn to listen to God to find out what His plan is for us.

## CAFOD and Catholic Social Teaching

This week Year 1 were visited by **Peter Haddon** from **CAFOD**. He came to talk to the children about the work that CAFOD does around the world. This is an important part of our Catholic Social Teaching.

## He's Behind You!

This week children in Reception and Key Stage 1 were very lucky and were treated to a performance of **Jack and the Beanstalk** by M and M Theatrical Productions. The children had a great time, thank you for supporting these events, it makes a big difference to our children.

Some children in Year 6 also visited **Stockwood Park Academy** to watch a short Christmas production. The children behaved impeccably and enjoyed seeing past pupils participate in the production. Well done all!

## Meditation Monday

We had over 25 parents join us for our Advent Meditation Monday this week. It really was a wonderful event and was a lovely way to start Advent. Thank you for making the effort to attend, it really is appreciated.



### **St Margaret's Needs YOU!**

You will have recently received information about the need for Parent Governors to sit on our Local Academy Committee. We still have vacancies for a parent Governor. If you would like to find out more about the role and would like an informal chat with me, please do contact the school office who will be more than happy to arrange a convenient time for you to pop in and see me.

The role of a Parent Governor is so important for a school. As a governor you will support the school in making important decisions to improve our school and provide our children with the best possible start in life.

### **Term Dates 2024 – 2025**

Today you received a reminder to fill in the survey below regarding a change in term dates to include a 2 week half term in October. We have currently only received 5 completed surveys. Please take the time to complete it to share your opinion. Thank you for your support.

<https://forms.office.com/e/y2EAPKPxuZ>

### **Year 5**

This week Year 5 visited Stockwood Discovery Centre to learn more about Anglo Saxons. The children learnt a lot and participated in 2 separate workshops. Thank you to staff and parents for supporting the trip.

Please note swimming for Year 5 has now concluded for the term.

### **Beautiful Singing!**

This Thursday all children in Reception to Year 6 took part in a Christmas concert at school. It really was a wonderful event; each year group shared a piece of scripture retelling the Christmas story and sang a Christmas song. It really was fantastic; our children are amazing!!!!

Today our school choir helped raise money for local food banks and Air Ambulance. Our amazing choir spent the morning at Luton Airport singing Christmas carols and songs! Thank you to **Miss Waller** and **Mrs Newman** for supporting the children, however I can confirm the children's singing was better than theirs!

Don't forget on the last day of term **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at **2.30 pm** you are invited to join the school on the key stage 2 playground and sing some Christmas carols and songs. More information will be in my newsletter next week.

### **Packed Lunches**

I have noticed that a number of children continue to bring in chocolate and sweets in their packed lunch. This is not allowed. Please ensure you do not include these items in your child's lunch. Thank you for your support.

### **St Margaret's Post!**

We currently have a post box situated outside our staff room. This is for children to post Christmas cards they want to send to their friends. We will then make sure they are distributed to the correct children. Please make sure any cards that are posted have the recipient's name and importantly their class. Happy writing!

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## Attendance

Please find below attendance data for every class for this week.

Good attendance will be rewarded so please do make sure your children are in school each day. Thank you for your support.

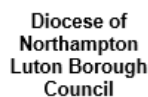
CLASS ATTENDANCE	YEAR TO DATE	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Reception St Bernadette	90%	91%	85%↓
Reception St Clare	94%	95%	87%↓
1 St Francis	92%	87%	85%↓
1 St Clare	92%	86%	87%↑
2 St Francis	96%	96%	97%↑
2 St Bernadette	95%	96%	←96%→
3 St Clare	96%	96%	←96%→
3 St Bernadette	95%	95%	←95%→
4 St Francis	96%	96%	95%↓
4 St Bernadette	94%	88%	93%↑
5 St Clare	95%	98%	95%↓
5 St Francis	95%	95%	←95%→
6 St Bernadette	95%	95%	89%↓
6 St Clare	95%	94%	93%↓
6 St Francis	94%	94%	95%↑

Well done to **2 St Francis** who had the top attendance this week with **97%**!

Can a class get 100% for this class next week? Go for it!

## Christmas Crafts

Next week we start our Christmas Craft events. Please refer to the diary dates below for the day your child's class will be taking part. Parents are welcome to join their children for these sessions. All sessions start at 8.30 and will finish by 9.30. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 your craft session will take place in the **Key Stage 1 Hall**. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 theirs will take place in the **Key Stage 2 Hall**. Please drop your children off as normal to allow them to be registered and then make your way to the respective hall. We look forward to welcoming you.



## Diary Dates

Please find below a table with key dates for this term and beyond, please do take note of events that effect you and your child. More information will follow regarding school trips etc.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,



Mr Chiswell

## **Dates for your Diary**

(Please note dates are subject to change and there will be new events added)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	EYFS & Y3 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Y1 & Y5 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church	5:00
<b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Pre School Christmas Concert	10.00 – 10.30
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Y 2 & Y4 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Pre School Christmas Concert	2.00 – 2.30
	Fantastic Finishes for Parents	3.00 – 3.45
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Y6 Christmas Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
	Tasty Treats	2.00 – 2.45
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Reception Class Nativity Performance to Parents</b>	<b>9.15 – 9.45</b>
	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	
	School Christmas Movie Night	4.30 – 6.15
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Carols on the Playground	2.30 – 3.00
	<b>End of Advent Term – Children return to school on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024</b>	
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Staff Training Day – School Closed</b>	
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Staff Training Day – School Closed</b>	
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Lent Term for children</b>	8.15