

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

## This Week

It has been a packed fun - filled 3 days this week, I feel like we have crammed a whole week into them!

**Monday** was all about our **Tasty Treats** event. Thank you to all of the family members who attended, especially all of the grandparents. It was lovely to have you with us to eat some Christmas treats and also listen to our wonderful choir sing some classic carols and songs! A big thank you to **Mrs Forde** and her team for their hard work in organising the extravaganza!

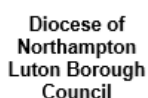
**Tuesday** was our Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day! The children all looked amazing as did the staff! Thank you to our fantastic kitchen team led by **Karen** who cooked a wonderful dinner, we all had a great time! Tuesday was also the day of our **Reception Nativity Production**. Wow! What a wonderful performance by all of the children. They sang and acted beautifully. Thank you to **Miss Chance** and her team for their hard work in getting the children ready to perform in front of so many friends and family members! It was also lovely to see so many of the children return for our Christmas Movie Night. The children had a lovely time spending time in school in a more relaxed manner. Thank you to all of the staff who remained at school to look after the children, you are all brilliant!

**Wednesday**, the final day of our Advent term heralded our inaugural Carols on the Playground, led by our conductor **Mrs Newman**! What a fantastic way to round off the term. The children and parents sang with real gusto and drowned out the motorway traffic! Thank you to those of you who were able to join us, it made the event even more special.

Class Dojo is a great place to see photos and information from our Christmas activities. Please take a look.

## Birthdays

Please remember in the new year that on their birthday, children can come into school dressed in their own clothes (if your child's birthday falls on a weekend, they can wear their own clothes on either a Monday or a Friday). Please **DO NOT** bring in sweets, treats or chocolates in as we will have to send them home. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## Packed Lunches

Please ensure your child's packed lunches **DO NOT** contain nuts, this includes **peanut butter** and **Nutella**. We have some children at school who are allergic to nuts. **Chocolate** and **sweets** are also not permitted. Thank you for keeping our children safe.

## PE Lessons

A reminder below of expectations for PE lessons. Children must wear the correct kit to school. This has been better this term but I have noticed some children are not wearing school regulation PE kit. This is as follows:

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
St Margaret's School Jumper	St Margaret's School cardigan / jumper
White polo / plain white t shirt	White polo / plain white t shirt
Bottle Green school shorts / black or navy-blue plain tracksuit bottoms.	Bottle Green school shorts / black or navy-blue plain tracksuit bottoms.
Plimsolls / suitable trainers	Plimsolls / suitable trainers

The only exception to the above are our Year 4 children. **Year 4 are swimming next term so must wear their school uniform to school on swimming days.**

**Please note if the above regulations are not followed, we will have to revert back to children wearing school uniform on their PE days.**

## Wrap – Around Club

A big thank you to our fantastic **Wrap – Around Club staff** who look after our children before and after school, they do an amazing job! Please note today will be the final time the club runs on the last day of a school term.

## 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.

<b>CLASS ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>THIS TERM'S ATTENDANCE</b>
<b>Reception St Bernadette</b>	90%
<b>Reception St Clare</b>	95%
<b>1 St Francis</b>	92%
<b>1 St Clare</b>	92%
<b>2 St Francis</b>	96%
<b>2 St Bernadette</b>	95%
<b>3 St Clare</b>	95%
<b>3 St Bernadette</b>	95%
<b>4 St Francis</b>	96%
<b>4 St Bernadette</b>	94%
<b>5 St Clare</b>	95%
<b>5 St Francis</b>	95%
<b>6 St Bernadette</b>	95%
<b>6 St Clare</b>	96%
<b>6 St Francis</b>	95%

Well done to 6 St Clare and 4 St Francis who had the top attendance this term with **96%**!

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## Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. It has been a very busy and successful term. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic school filled with brilliant children and adults.

On behalf of everyone at St Margaret's I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

*'But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ' Luke 2 v10-12*

## 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.

God bless,  
 Mr Chiswell

## Dates for your Diary

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

Date	Event	Time
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Staff Training Day – School Closed	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Staff Training Day – School Closed	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Lent Term for children	8.15

