



St Edward's Newsletter

19th December 2023



A Christmas Message

Dear St Edward's Family

We are sure you will love this wonderful Christmas edition of our newsletter, which showcases all of our events during the period of advent.

It was lovely to see our children in Early Years and Key Stage One perform their Nativity play, with beautiful songs and very proud parents. Well done to all the children and a huge thank you to staff who worked tirelessly over a number of weeks to prepare for this year's Nativity play. Our pupils in Key Stage 2 led a magnificent Carol Concert in Our Lady of Compassion Church. The service was a traditional concert, whereby the congregation were actively involved in singing all the traditional favourite Christmas hymns. So a big thank to all of our staff for this event as well.

In addition, we have held some wonderful Christmas Discos, thanks to our PTA, and enjoyed a fantastic Christmas lunch, in the company of Fr Christmas himself and his elves. In addition, we have had Class Parties and a beautiful Christmas Mass, so we well prepared to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus.

Every day, we have seen the Christmas spirit in action and are reminded me of a great Zulu word called Ubuntu,

President Barack Obama said -

"There is a word in South Africa – Ubuntu – a word that captures Nelson Mandela's greatest gift: his recognition that we are all bound together in ways that are invisible to the eye; that there is a oneness to humanity; that we achieve ourselves by sharing ourselves with others and caring for those around us."

Ubuntu is a great description of our community and how we give of ourselves to support each other. It is important to remember that Christmas can be great for so many but also challenging for some as well. Therefore, we ask God to help us remember all of those less fortunate than ourselves.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God's Blessing – Mr P Underwood

'Following Christ we reach our goals'



A BIG thank you to everyone that has supported our Christmas Class Fundraising shop. You have purchased £1950 worth of gifts and cards, which all looked absolutely wonderful! As a result, you have raised a huge £550 for our school! A special thank you to Mrs Middleton for organising this event.





EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Children in EYFS and KS1 performed their Nativity play on Tuesday the 5th of December. They looked amazing their colourful costumes and their acting and singing was beautiful. Well done to all the pupils and the staff who spent so much time and effort to ensure that it was a wonderful production.





Santa's Grotto & Christmas Lunch

Santa came to St Edward's last week to meet the staff, children and PTA members to give out goodies. The children also enjoyed their traditional Christmas lunch. Our wonderful PTA team have created a photo card for each child, which they will be taking them home before the Christmas holidays.



'Following Christ we reach our goals'

KS2 Carol Concert

Our KS2 Carol Concert took place on Friday the 15th of December at Our Lady of Compassion church in the afternoon. The children sang beautifully whilst the readers retold the Nativity story through scripture readings. Thank you to all the staff who supported our children in preparation for the concert and our PTA for providing refreshments and taking photos.



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Class Parties and Christmas Discos



'Following Christ we reach our goals'



A special thank you for our beautiful Nativity characters who were knitted by Mrs McLellan's mum. The children really enjoyed learning about the Nativity story through role play and story telling.



Having been a pupil here herself, Ms Edgar joined as a member of staff in November 2020. We are very sad that Ms Edgar is leaving us, as she will be moving away from London to be closer to her family. We wish her the very best of luck for the future and thank her for the fantastic support she has provided to the children and staff. We will miss you and please come back and visit us!

We also send our best wishes to Ms Miah and her family as they prepare for the arrival of a new addition to their family. Ms Miah is going on maternity leave at Christmas and we look forward to hearing of your good news early next year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 5th January 2024 – ALL children return to school for start of spring term

Wednesday 10th January – Beginning of term whole school mass – 10.30 am

PLEASE NOTE – These dates may be subject to change

Christmas Prayer for Families

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for
your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an
inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of
anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit
of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen
to embrace all families.

For this we pray.

Amen.

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