

## St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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## Weekly News

Dear Parents,

What a term, and indeed, what a week we have had! It is staggering the amount of Christmas cheer, festive fun and 'wow' moments we have achieved this week. Our choir have been out in Aldridge yet again, singing beautifully - this time for the residents of Croxall Court.

A special mention as well to all of those involved in our Nativity productions. EYFS - you sang and danced so beautifully in your video! Your excitement and enjoyment was clear to see.

Y1 and Y2 really did shine in their terrific Christmas performance. As is the case when our children get on stage, they were thoroughly professional in their work, whether they were actors, singers, narrators - all of them were incredible and a credit to their teachers and parents alike!

Reception have also managed to fit in a visit to Hatton Country Park and experience all of the magic of Christmas including a visit to Santa. I wonder which staff were on the naughty list?

Wednesday was filled with craft, decoration and Christmas card making. The children worked in a flurry of paint and glitter. We also enjoyed a delicious Christmas party lunch and pulled a cracker or two wearing our Christmas jumpers. Our week was rounded off beautifully with our Nativity poetry and art assembly and our KS2 carol concert in Church yesterday – such beautiful occasions reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas through poetry, art, prayer and music. For everyone who has been asking if we are 'winding down' for Christmas, hopefully the above answers that definitively © . Directing, crafting, organising, all whilst the curriculum continues to run at full-throttle. I have nothing but respect and admiration for the incredible staff team who provide so many of these fantastic opportunities for our children.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Mass this morning, a chance to reflect and prepare ourselves for Christmas. We hope to see many of you at the Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 5pm.

As always, it is a pleasure and privilege to share this time with the children, families and staff in our wonderful school community.

Thank you so much on behalf of all of the staff for your kindness, good wishes, cards and gifts. We wish you all a joyful, holy and peaceful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hill

## Notices

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Inset day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Pupils return to school

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January - Y5 Rainforest Roadshow

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January - Y6 Secure Minds Safeguarding Workshops start

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Y6 visit St Chad's

Our PTA have kindly arranged for the children to bring a chocolate / sweet treat home this week. We are also thrilled to announce that our Christmas fayre raised a staggering £1600. This along with the £439 raised by the children's discos is an amazing term's work. Our hardworking PTA are putting together a newsletter to share in the new year with some information about the lovely things purchased for our children to date, plus some exciting ideas for future plans and use of funds.

## Prayer and Reflection

On Monday we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Father, you make this holy night radiant with the splendour of Jesus Christ, our light.

We welcome him as Lord, the true light of the world.

Bring us to eternal joy in the kingdom of Heaven,

where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit

One God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Yours sincerely, Mrs N. Hill Headteacher

