



# St Mary's News 2021 December Issue 3

*"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"*

Dear Parents,

**Advent week 3** – Thank you very much for the wonderful donation of £435, towards needy people in our local community. It will be sent to a local school, to be used for families in desperate need and on the extreme end of the poverty line. Sacred Heart Primary School newsletter noted SMA as a benefactor and commented: *"You will never know the immense impact of your kindness"*.

**Christmas Nativities** Well done to our KS1 nativity performers. They were a joy to behold- from singers to hummers, from kings to shepherds; from narrators to audience. Special thanks to Y1 and Y2 staff, collectively. Thanks also to parents for their support and co- operation in keeping us all safe and well.

**Covid picture**. Our Covid numbers remain low now, in school, with still just 3 confirmed cases. We hope that this remains low for all of you, across the Christmas period

**Early Years and KS2 Christmas activities** have been prepared in virtual format, and are available on class pages. Please enjoy them, in the spirit of Christmas. The singing and reverence from KS2 performances speaks for itself.

**Class workshops** are now almost all ready to view. Staff have worked hard to produce them- again, please enjoy them.

**The School Council SMA Great British Green bake Off Competition** -was a great success. The entries were excellent; I know our resident Paula Holly Wood( Mrs Kennedy) and Mary Berry (Mrs Murray) were really impressed! Over 20% of the main school took part, and we raised approximately £50 for CAFOD, as well as raising great awareness on the importance of thinking green, in our busy world. Particular thanks to Charlie and to Ayana -Y6 School Council- , for their great ideas and enthusiasm. I am really proud of them.

## Upcoming events:

**Nursery and Reception place offers** are being finalised at the moment. Please ensure that you have sent your application form in requesting a Nursery place or a Reception place.

**Fri 17/12/21** School finishes at 1.30pm for all children on this day.

**Wed 5/1/22** School re opens for all children to start the spring term.

**Fri 7/1/22 - Punctuation Show** for Y5 and Y6 in school

**Mon 10/2/22** Y6 - St Chad's visit. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am Y3 Mass of Commitment to receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the summer term.

**Thursday 17/2/22** - School finishes for half term for all children on this day. 18/2/22 is an INSET Day for all staff.

**Thursday 3/3/22-** Confirmation for Y6 at 7pm in St Mary of the Angels Church

## And Finally...

We welcome 3 new staff, after Christmas. They are:

- **Mrs Dell, our new Special Educational Needs Lead teacher, who will be available in school each Thursday and Friday, via the school office**
- **Mrs Joyce, mother of Isla in Y1, who will be joining Mrs Ward in our school office each day, to help with your questions and needs**
- **Miss Scully, our Y2 support assistant.**

**Congratulations to them on their appointments. I know that they will receive your full support and your ready welcome, also.**

## And Finally Finally...

Thank you for all of your well wishes, supportive comments and lovely Christmas wishes and cards. They are so very much appreciated.

On behalf of all of our Governors, staff and children, we wish you a very Happy Christmas and hope that 2022 brings great times for you and your families, also.

Stay safe and take care.

