

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

## Worship Reflection

School plays and concerts are often lots of fun and can be enjoyed by all involved, the performers, the audience and the people working hard behind the scenes – and in recent times, we've found new ways to enjoy these performances – online or even outside!

### God our Father,

We thank you that despite Covid restrictions we are still able to come together and celebrate the nativity story with our family and friends. Thank you for the technology that allows us to do this.

Amen

**British Value:** Rule of Law

**Big Question:** Who are school performances for?

**Birthdays this week**

*Happy birthday this week to: Jensen P, Rio H.*

## School Meals

*We will be on Week 2 of the menu when we return after the holidays.*

*If your child is on Packed lunches and wishes to swap to School meals or vice versa, please could you let the school office know. A minimum of a weeks' notice is needed to enable us to make the changes. Thank you.*

## Presents and Cards

*On behalf of all the staff I would like to say a huge thank you for all your kind cards and presents. One of the things that makes me proudest as headteacher is how much appreciation the parents have for the teachers. This doesn't always come in presents and certainly does not need to, but they are appreciated all the same.*

The theme for the fourth Sunday of Advent is Joy and we have known a lot of joy in school this week. We have enjoyed our Christmas lunch, our present from Santa, our parties and we have recorded our Christmas presentations. Excitements levels are ramping up and I am sure you will have lots of willing helpers around the home, eager to impress Santa and his elves. Thank you to the staff for all their efforts this week and the rest of the term.

We have taken time to remember those whose lives are not so filled with joy. With your CAFOD donations we have been able to buy some amazing gifts for people in the developing world. It is important that children are taught that Santa's gifts have to be paid for and that not everyone is as lucky as they are.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for worship on Teams this morning, I hope we have filled you with the spirit of Christmas. I hope you all enjoy your child's Christmas performances sent on Teams too.

With infection rates doubling daily at the moment control measures may change over the holiday period. If there is anything you need to know before the start of term I will contact you via Parentmail.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you in 2022.

Mrs Gallagher





**Thank you so much for supporting our Christmas events.**

Santa Drive Thru- £482

Rainbow Raffle- £661

The money we have raised (£1,143) will go towards buying new iPads for school. The disco profits have to be added to this too.

### **CAFOD World Gifts**

With your generous donations we have been able to buy:

Reception- chirpy chickens, emergency water, a vegetable garden, a happy queen bee, a goat that gives

Year 1 – a happy queen bee, a goat that gives and chirpy chickens

Year 2 –An income throughforest school

Year 3 - a vegetable garden, a happy queen bee, a start to read kit. A net that protects and an energy saving stove

Year 4 - A goat that gives and a keep clean kit

Year 5 – A goat that gives, some trees for life and a fire fighting kit

Year 6 – Helping a refugee child

To find out more please go to [CAFOD World Gifts – CAFOD World Gifts](#)