



## Our Lady and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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I would like to start by saying thank you to everyone in the school community for all their patience and understanding whilst we have battled the weather and the very difficult conditions it has created. We have always tried to put the safety of our pupils and staff first in any decisions we have made. Despite the snow everyone has come back into school this week and got back to work and it was lovely to have the school full of children once more. We had to rearrange our Reception Nativity, which this year is in partnership with Butterflies Nursery, due to the snow and this will now take place on Tuesday morning at 10am. Again, we are sorry as we know this will cause issues for some parents but we tried to get the new date out as soon as we possibly could.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Suzie Wilson* - Head Teacher

### KS2 Carol Service



On Tuesday evening we have our Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service at 6pm. The service will now take place in school as the conditions have meant we are unable to get to church and rehearse and we would be unfair to put the children into that situation last minute. The children have worked incredibly hard and hopefully this will be a lovely retelling of the Christmas story. Tickets available from the office.



### Issues/Concerns

Please can we remind everyone of the procedure for dealing with issues and concerns. Please arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher in the first instance, if you are still unhappy you can arrange to meet with the Key Stage leader which is Mrs Ridges for YR-Y2 and Miss Castle for Y3-Y6. If you still feel your concerns have not been addressed please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Wilson. Please do come and talk to us if you have concerns rather than discussing these on social media.

### Key Diary Dates

Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> – Reception and Butterflies Nursery Nativity Play 10am

Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carol Service 6pm in school

Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Mass 2pm in school.

Our PTA will be serving refreshments after the KS2 carol service and the final Christmas Mass in school.

### Goodbyes

Next Wednesday we say goodbye to Mrs Trowton who works in our school office and has been a part of our school community for over 20 years. She works so very hard for the school and we will be very sorry to see her go. We wish Mrs Trowton well in her next adventure and we hope she pops in to see us from time to time.

### Primary Admissions

If you have a child whose birthday falls between 01.09.2013 and 31.08.2014 you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2018. Apply online at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool>  
Closing date for applications is 15th January 2018. We are a Catholic School but welcome all who are sympathetic to our ethos – please take a closer look at our admissions policy on our website for further details.

## Attendance

Our attendance target is 96%

Reception – 99%

Yr1 – 98.6%

Yr2 – 96.5%

Yr3 – 94.2%

Yr4 – 93.8%

Yr5 – 95.5%

Yr6 – 99.2%

Whole school – 96.4%

Whole school since September – 95.4%



## KS1 Nativity

This week we were treated to some fantastic Nativity performances from our lovely Key Stage 1 children. They performed 'Behind the Stable Door' for the rest of the school and put on two performances for friends and families. The children were amazing and we were all so proud of them here at school, they learnt their lines, they knew their stage directions and they sang beautifully. It is quite daunting getting up there in front of so many people so well done Key Stage 1! Also a huge thank you to the team of staff in Key Stage 1 who worked so hard to get the children ready for their performances.



## Christmas Fair

Last weekend, before the deluge of snow luckily, was our Christmas Fair here at school. The fair was organised by our PTA and was a fantastic success raising over £900 which is amazing. The event would not have taken place were it not for the hard work and dedication of our PTA, we have such a committed bunch of people who give their time and energy to make these events happen and to ensure we keep raising funds for the school and we are so grateful to them. Huge thank you to everyone who made props, who donated gifts, who worked on stalls, all of the staff who came along to support, all of the PTA members and their families who stayed so late on Friday evening to get school ready and Mr Pearson who was the most wonderful Santa! There were also lots of local businesses who supported the Christmas fair and so we would like to thank:



The Stag at Offchurch

Gary Maxwell

Jam Jam Boomerang

Farmers Fayre

The Bandstand Tearooms

The Wine box

Smiths Nurseries

We also had raffle prizes from the following stall holders:

Once upon a time

Forever living products

Usborne Books

TJ Jewellery

Glitter Gifts

Rockhopper Designs

Amy's Slimming World

Also a very special thanks to Frog's Trees who donated our beautiful Christmas tree this year which has made our hall feel so Christmassy and the children absolutely love it!



Thank you everyone – we really appreciate your generosity.