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Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Infant Nativity

On Wednesday morning we video recorded the Infant Nativity. The videographers are editing the footage and it should be ready next week. I'll let you know as soon as it is ready so that you can download it and share it with your family. We are really looking forward to seeing it!

Thanks for all your kind feedback about the performances on the playground on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. I think you'll agree that the children sang beautifully and were so sweet! We are grateful for your support; it means such a lot to have an audience to perform to. We know that many of you took photos and video to send to other family members, but we'd appreciate it if you would not post photos or footage on public social media, as it involved many children. A photo below shows the fun on Thursday morning. Thanks to the teams from Reception, Year One and most especially Mrs. Stradling and Miss Buchan in Year Two who did an amazing job with such care.

Carol Service

On Thursday next (16th December) we will be holding a special Carol Service. As we can't all be together inside at St John the Baptist in the evening, our outdoor Carol Service will be held on the playground commencing at 2.15pm. Mr. Cook has kindly agreed to accompany us and we'd like you all to come if you can. There will be readings and each class in the Juniors is preparing a traditional carol to share with you. The Infant children will also be performing a 'megamix' of their Nativity songs. Canon John will be joining us, so it will be a lovely way to round off the term.

Christmas Market

Well, what can I say. Despite the disappointment of not being able to hold our Christmas Fayre, the Friends of Margaret Roper rolled up their sleeves and produced a Christmas Market that was just wonderful. Huge thanks to all of you who came to help set up and run the stalls and to all of you for supporting it. I thought it was lovely and a real demonstration of the lovely school ethos we enjoy.

Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Dinner

It was delightful to see all the children in their Christmas jumpers today. Please don't forget to donate to Save the Children, which should be done through ParentPay. More information on Save the Children can be found here:

[Save the Children UK](#) | [International Children's Charity](#)

Next Wednesday we have our school Christmas dinner. Dinner can be ordered as usual through ParentPay and it is usual for all children to have a Christmas Dinner. The children will be making hats in class to wear

at Christmas dinner. They can choose to wear their Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday instead of their uniform jumper to make us feel Christmassy.

Pupil sports reports

On Thursday we participated in a sports hall athletics event at Trinity School. We had a team of ten pupils, so we didn't return a full score but everybody did extremely well. There was a big relay at the end; we all dashed out immediately when we received the baton, but then we dropped it and this made us come last in that event. Overall, we came fourth out of five schools. By Santi.

Ed's note – This is the first time that our children have participated in sportshall athletics and we will learn from our experiences, but well done to everyone and thanks to all the parents who helped with lifts.

Cars in school car park – Driving onto the site.

It seems that, no matter how much I put this item into the school newsletter, the message is still not getting through. Now I hate to be a Christmas Grinch and moan at this time of year, but it seems necessary to remind everyone again that driving onto the school site to drop/collect your children is strictly not permitted. The exceptions to this rule are very specific:

- Parents/Carers dropping or collecting from wrap around care – That is, Breakfast and After School Club only. This applies before 8am and after 4pm only.
- Parents/Carers with specific agreed exemption; for instance, parents with a disability which must be agreed in advance with the headteacher.
- Parents collecting sick children during the day
- Parents on agreed school business; for instance, Friends of Margaret Roper Committee working in school.

At all other times and for all other parents we politely ask that you park outside the school's premises (this includes the entire site, so don't try to sneak your car onto the TM site and walk the last 50 metres). It specifically includes collection from other club activities, when you should park and walk. Being late is NOT an excuse to drive in – please observe the rules. They are there to keep everyone safe and to ensure that we keep traffic on site to the minimum. I will be monitoring compliance with these rules and challenging anyone I see who seems to be ignoring them. Please tell everyone in your family who might be dropping off/picking up so there are no misunderstandings.

And if you *are* ever driving on site, at any time, you must observe the 5mph limit – which is a slow crawl.

Autumn Assessments

Well done to all of our children from KS1 and KS2 for completing their routine assessments in class. Parents please remember these tests are not formal assessments and do not go anywhere externally; their main purpose is to support teachers in their autumn term judgements. Formative assessments happen daily in class and these tests help to inform our overall teacher assessment and tracking processes.

Stars of the week:	Writers of the week:	Mathematicians of the week
Rocco & Sam	Phoebe	Estefanio
Thandi & Aadish	Isaiah	Andrew
Albert & Sofia	Maya	Ashvini
Elsa & Stephen	Ja'El	Avon
Alice & Martin	Sophia W	Tiago
Ria & Oli	Valentina	Lawrie

This week's attendance awards are as follows:

Y3 - 98.21 % Attendance

Red Class, Y2 & Y4 - 100% punctuality - Well done to all the classes!

Have a lovely weekend.

D Mooney

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Liturgy In school and at home

I attach the bumper Christmas edition of the Wednesday Word. If its easier for you, you can look at it on the lonk below. Our assembly prayers this week have been focussed on penance and renewal.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=47.2>

Some pictures from the
Christmas Market
With very grateful
thanks to the Friends of
Margaret Roper





Red, Orange and Yellow classes performing their Nativity songs from 'The angel who nearly missed it all' to parents, friends and Junior children.



**School closes for the Christmas Break
at 1.15pm on Friday 18th December
and reopens on Monday 4th January 2022**

