



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

December 2015

MERRY CHRISTMAS

School closes tomorrow for the Christmas break. We will close as usual at our normal times. It has been a great half term full of fun, many activities and plenty of learning. We had a school review at the start of December to look at the progress made since Ofsted and it was extremely positive. The 3 Local Authority Officers were delighted by the work of the school. They described the children's books and the quality of marking by the staff as some of the best they have seen (and they have seen many)! It is always good to get external verification of the good work that we do in school so we were very pleased and will continue to build on this next half term.

Christmas festivities took up most of our energy and attention and I have included some photographs to remind you of some of the events. We did so many different activities which was great but exhausting.

Thank you so much to all of you who came along to support the Christmas events (plays and activity sessions). We received such a lot of positive feedback and the children loved spending time with family members. It was lovely to see families working together and all helping each other. The children loved it and were very excited before and after and spoke about how much they loved completing activities with their family in school. I know that some of you would love to see every class performing a Nativity play (and so would we) but sadly it just isn't possible. The time and effort that has to go into preparing a play is immense and having to share hall time with classes, other events e.g Judo and Gymnastics, lunch and singing as well as providing 2 hours of PE a week in Winter makes life very difficult. So sorry to those of you who wanted a Nativity play in every class, I hope that you understand how difficult that is to provide.

The Christmas Choir went on tour again this year and sang at 4 Care Homes in Huyton. The children were fabulous, they brought such joy to the residents and families. They should feel so proud of themselves as we certainly do. The residents really enjoyed the visits and when we left were delighted with the chocolates and cards we took to them, it was a truly lovely event to do.

We had to split Christmas dinner this year as we can no longer fit all the children in the hall together (numbers have grown since we began eating Christmas dinner together). It was still a lovely experience as pupils, staff, Governors and helpers joined together to celebrate Christmas. Thanks to Mandy and the kitchen staff for a fantastic job! I don't know how she cooks so much Christmas dinner...twice!

Christmas parties are as ever the most popular. I never fail to be amazed how children manage to eat more food just after dinner...but they do...with ease! Traditional games and a will disco round off the year and send all the children home to you all full of additives and excitement...sorry!

I hope you all have a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. I have included the times of masses and services at St Aidan's and St Agnes for those of you who need them. Christmas is a lovely time to go to church as a family.

The Advent Reconciliation service will be at St Aidan's on Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm

Christmas Mass Times Thursday 24th December

Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord St Aidan - 5.30 pm St Agnes - 8.30 pm

Friday 25th December Christmas Family Mass St Aidan - 9.30 am St Agnes - 11.00 am



Jamie Carragher Soccer
School Christmas
Celebration

Reception
Whoops a Daisy Angel



Year 3
It's a Wonderful Life

Christmas Choir
at Roby Lodge

