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# St Margaret Mary Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

### SCHOOL PLAYS and SERVICE:

Thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents who helped prepare the children for their parts - you have added to the success of the Christmas Productions. Well done also to KS2 for producing such a prayerful and reverent Christmas Liturgy. My thanks to the staff for their effort and dedication as always.

### MASS TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS

#### Christmas Eve

6.00pm St Margaret Mary Church  
10.00pm Christ the King Church

#### Christmas Day

8.00am Christ the King Church (Latin)  
10.00am St Margaret Mary Church  
10.00am Christ the King Church

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

**Thank you to all who contributed to the large number of shoeboxes sent away for Operation Christmas Child. This year we collected 38 gift-filled shoeboxes.**

### Morrisons Vouchers

A big thank you for collecting over **3000 vouchers** for the school. These are being used to get some box planters for the children to use.

### P.T.A

The PTA have worked hard this term to organise a number of events, ending with the Christmas Fayre which raised over £520. The PTA are aiming to provide a Climbing Wall for the school playground. My thanks to all the volunteers who make these events possible, and to the Parents who attend and support us.

### Around the World Day 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Children will spend the day 'visiting' different countries from all around the world. They will be doing different activities ranging from dancing, learning languages and art work. Last year, some parents kindly helped by teaching a language, bringing in food or providing costumes and flags from different countries.

If you are able to help in any way, please see Mrs Irving. Children will be able to wear clothes from different countries or clothes in the colours of a country's flag. We will be having an American themed school lunch and children who don't normally have dinners are also welcome to stay for lunch at a cost of £2.00.

### The children will return to School on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Festive Season.



As a school we wanted to celebrate the wide range of experiences that the children have enjoyed this term:

**Nursery:** Visit to the Library. Visit from Santa. Welly Walk. Visits to Church

**Reception:** Visits to the Bakery, the Dentist, and the Fire station. Welly Walk. Visits to Church. Walks around the local environment. Visit to Walby Farm Park

**Year 1:** Art Days. Visits to the allotment. Walks looking at the local area. Visits to Church. Visit to Walby Farm Park

**Year 2:** Visit linked to Remembrance Sunday. Visit to Walby Farm Park. Visits to Church

**Year 3:** Visits to Church. Visit from Mountain Rescue Team

**Year 4:** Library visit. Visit from Mountain Rescue Team. Visits to Church

**Year 5:** Robo Lab Day. Visits to Church. Visit from the RAF. Visit from the Mayor of Frederiksberg, Denmark and Councillors, Mayor of Carlisle, Visit from the Rotary Club.

**Year 6:** Electricity workshop day. Visit to Liverpool. Visits to Church. Visits from a Mill Owner and The Rotary Club.

These are just some of the experiences that children have received this term and that add to their education at St Margaret Mary's.

### A Prayer for Christmas Morning

by Robert Louis Stevenson

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will.  
Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.  
Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world?  
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.  
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,  
And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.  
Amen