



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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Wednesday 20th December 2017



At St Francis of Assisi we believe God is at the heart of our school. As a school community, we work together to provide a caring, stimulating nurturing environment, where every child can discover their true potential and grow closer to Christ. As pupils and staff we encourage in each other a love of learning. This is a place where we can all belong and where diversity and difference is celebrated. We rejoice in each other's uniqueness and respect the dignity and beauty of each individual. Using our gifts and talents we will actively seek to make a real difference - by caring for one another and caring for our world.

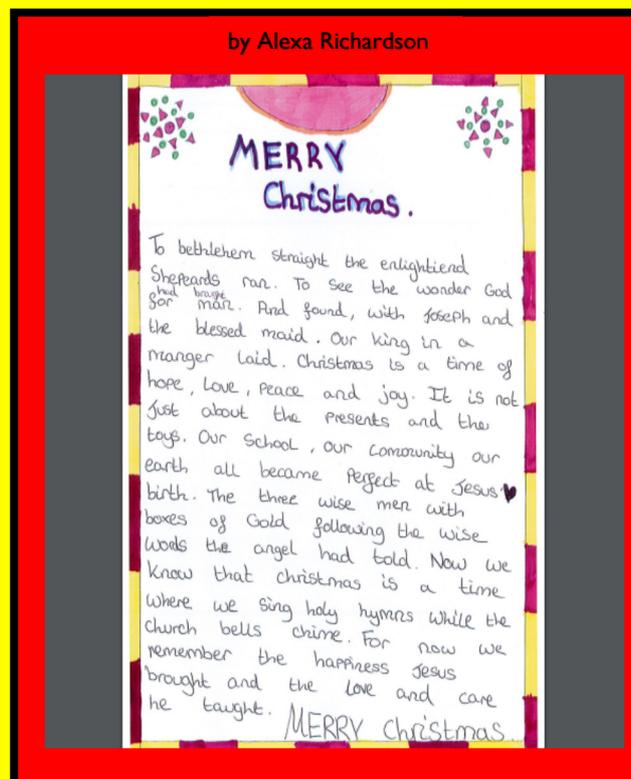
Last night's Carol Service was a tremendous success and I am so pleased that we were able to join together as a community, during this season of Advent, to conclude a very busy and successful term. I thought the children were super and it once again highlighted the confidence our children have to speak and sing in front of such a large congregation. Thank you to Miss Chester and Mr Szymczyk for organising the Carol Service and to all who joined us.

I should like to wish Mrs Lyons our very best wishes as she leaves St. Francis following twenty two years of committed service. She will be missed by all and I wish her a happy and fruitful retirement!

As a gentle reminder, school closes this afternoon at 1.25 and re-opens on Thursday 4th January at the usual time.

So it is time to put a ribbon on the term and place it under the Christmas tree. May I wish all of you a Happy and Holy Christmas, and hope that the holiday brings rest and enjoyment.

by Alexa Richardson



Note From Fr Simon

I'd like to wish you a happy and holy Christmas on Monday. Christmas Day falling on a Monday requires a little extra effort as we need to remember that the obligation to hear Sunday Mass on 4th Sunday of Advent (24th December) still applies and that Christmas Day itself is a Holy Day of Obligation. Perhaps the greatest thing we need to remember is that the season of Christmas festivities does not end on Boxing Day; no it is just getting started. In fact we celebrate Christmas Day for eight days, right up to New Year's Day and the Christmas season continues to Monday 8th January with the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord - now you know why I encouraged you not to celebrate Christmas through Advent so that we aren't worn out just when we should be starting the celebrations.



Thank you to St Paul Class,
Mrs Bujwid
and all the Parents
who joined
us for their class assembly



Congratulations to St Maximilian
Class for achieving 98%

After School Club –Wednesday 20th December

Please note there will be no After School Club on Wednesday 20th December as the school will close at 1.25pm for the Christmas holidays.

Diary Dates

Your child will have brought home a paper copy of the diary dates for January to March 2018. Please note that the Epiphany Mass on Friday 5th January will be led by St Peter's Class.

Diary Dates

January

Thurs 4—Return to school

Fri 5—Epiphany Mass at 9.05am led by St Peter Class—Parents Welcome

Tues 9—Early Years 'One Term In' meeting at 6.30pm

Tues 16—Class Assembly at 9.05am led by St John Paul—Parents Welcome

Tues 23—Class Assembly at 9.05am led by St Clare of Assisi—Parents Welcome