

St Margaret's CE Newsletter

January 2018

Welcome Back

I hope you and your family have had a wonderful Christmas holiday and on behalf of staff and governors may I wish you a happy New Year.

The lead up to Christmas was, as always, a busy time. It was great to see so many parents attending our nativity performances. In addition, our choir represented school fantastically well: leading our Christingle Service in church which was a great end to the term.



On the 6th December we held a Christmas party themed Messy Church in school which was well attended and offered families the chance to take a 'time out' at this busy time and reflect on what it is that Christians celebrate at this time of year.

It was encouraging to see so many parents attending the various workshops hosted by our Early Years team last term- the 'Bedtime Story' session was again a highlight!

Thank you

We have collected both for the Key 103 Mission Christmas appeal last half-term and raised £259.40 for Children in need - a fantastic effort! Likewise we had a super response to our Christingle candle collection: thank you for all the donations for The Children's Society, a few donations are still arriving in school and we are awaiting an overall figure for the amount raised. Also, a huge thank you to those parents who organized the various raffles towards the end of term. Congratulations to all our winners! Over £450 was raised for School Fund which, prior to this fundraising, was at an all-time low! I have asked that the parents involved in this fund raising have an input in how this money will be spent in supporting the children's education at St Margaret's.

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A fantastic [#Christingle](#) service [@magsnchads](#) tonight. Thank you for supporting the [@stmargaretsoldh](#) children involved and for your generous donations to the [@childrensociety](#).



Enrichment

Children continue to access a range of enrichment activities: the first of the new year being a visit from a planetarium for KS2 children next Monday. Last half-term highlights included Devon Class trip to the Lowry to enhance their topic work and Durban Class had a visit to the Coliseum with a Year Four Class from Greenfield Primary whom they are linked with for the year.

Well done

Congratulations to Noah, the winner of the 100% attendance raffle and also to our reading raffle winners; Logan was the winner of the Kindle- a nice early Christmas present! Our library has had a 'facelift' for the start of our new term and now provides a more stimulating environment with different types of books easier to locate. Your child has the opportunity to change their library book weekly and should be bringing this home with their reading record in addition to any other reading material given by their teacher.

The creativity and motivation shown by the children with their homework last term was again so pleasing to see. Your child will be bringing home their class newsletter which includes homework challenges for this term. Thank you for your continued support in this area of your child's learning.

Next Messy Church (held in school) will be on Wednesday 31st January. New families welcome.

We will be welcoming back Miss Dunks from her maternity leave after half-term. She will be teaching in Twist Class alongside Mrs Potter.

Not to be missed . . .

As part of our broad and balanced curriculum offer, during the week beginning 19th February, all children in the school will be part of a music project which will involve them spending time during the week rehearsing with an iSing Pop tutor learning catchy pop songs. The week will close with all children recording for our very own school album and there will be a concert for families on **Wednesday 28th February** (details to follow). School engaged in the iSing Pop project in 2013; some of our songs which we still sing today, including 'This is our World' come from this project. The picture below is taken from the previous concert in church, which over 100 children took part in. Whilst all the children will participate in the music sessions in school, it would be wonderful to see as many children engaging in the live performance again this time round. Therefore, please keep the evening of Wednesday 28th February free if possible.



