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Week beginning Monday December 16th 2019.

Thought for the week:

“Stay Awake and Be Ready!”

Dear Parents,

ADVENT 2019. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath dates back to the sixteenth century. The first week of Advent saw the first candle lit, a candle of “hope”. On Sunday the second purple candle on the wreath was lit and this represents “love”. In certain traditions this second purple candle is known as the “Bethlehem candle” to represent the manger i.e. “Love”. As the third week approaches this Sunday, a different coloured candle will be lit. The pink candle represents “Joy”, it is also known as the shepherd’s candle after the angel appeared to the shepherds bringing them news that would bring great joy. “Hope”, “Love” and “Joy” are all virtues that we should all aspire to this Advent season.

School Mass. Our final Mass of the term will be on Friday December 20th led by KS2.

KS1 Nativities 2019. Many thanks to Y1 (Monday) and Y2 (Tuesday) for their lovely Nativities earlier this week. Well done to all the children and many thanks to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the productions.

Y3/4 Christmas Plays. Thanks to Y3, Y4, and the whole of lower Key Stage Two for their super plays today and on Wednesday. Well done to all concerned.

Nursery Nativity 2019. Thanks to Ms Winchurch and her team for their lovely Nativity yesterday. Seeing our youngest children retell the Christmas story is always very special. Well done Nursery!

Extra-Curricular Clubs. Please note all after school clubs have now finished for the autumn term. Many thanks to everyone for supporting them and a big thank you to all the staff that led one. They will begin again in January, Mrs Logue will write with details shortly.

Y5&Y6 theatre trip. Our oldest children visited the Old Rep on Monday to watch “The Snow Queen” (Y3&Y4 are going to see it next week). They had a super visit, and live theatre is always something special. Thanks to the Y5/6 staff for organising the visit.

End of Term. School breaks up for Christmas next Friday December 20th at 1:00pm. The children return on Monday January 6th 2020



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Nursery/Reception Visit to the Mac. Tuesday and Wednesday saw our youngest children visit the Mac to watch “Kippers Snowy Day”, a lovely story and a special experience for everyone. Many thanks to Ms Winchurch/Ms Rathbone and everyone who went along to help.

Y6 and the Ancient Greeks. Y6 visited Birmingham Museum on Wednesday to take part in an “Ancient Greece workshop”. Thanks to Mr Barton and Ms McCarron for overseeing the visit.

Brass/Recorders/choir concert. In advance thanks to all our singers and musicians, thanks also to Mr Ali, Mrs Prentice and Mrs Davis for another excellent term’s work. We look forward to playing and singing again in 2020.

Music and Media. The Music service visited us on Tuesday and delivered a workshop for Y4 to help support their topic of “Music and Media”. Thanks to Mrs Young for organising the visit.

Christmas jumper photos. Thanks to Alice McCarron for coming in to help with the photos.

Y5 Christmas play. This takes place on Monday (16th) at 9:00am in the hall.

Y6 Christmas play. This takes place on Tuesday (17th) at 9:00am in the hall.

Christmas Dinner Day/Christmas Non Uniform day. Wednesday December 18th, thanks in advance to Mrs Hawthorn and her team for what I am sure will be another beautiful dinner.

Dinner Money. Please make sure all debts are paid by **Wednesday December 18th** via ParentPay. Please can I also ask that all Breakfast Club debts also be settled by the same date.

Attendance for the week ending Friday December 13th 2019

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	90%
Rec R	93%
Y1J	99%
Y1P	93%
Y2B	97%
Y2M	96%
Y3C	93%
Y3P	93%
Y4M	94%
Y4Y	99%
Y5A	93%
Y5M	89%
Y6B	98%
Y6M	99%
Weekly Average	95%

Happy Birthday: Derick, Elsie, Rozalia, Lilly, Ethan S, Bethlehem, Rikarai and Elochukwu.

Please pray for: This time of year can be particularly difficult for some people for lots of different reasons, please pray for anyone lonely or anxious this Christmas.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher



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Christmas at St Margaret Mary Church, 2019
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Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 24th December

4pm Christmas Mass for children and families

11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Wednesday, 25th December

10am Christmas Day Mass

