St Margaret's C.E.P. School Newsletter *Inspire, Nurture, Discover* Learning as we grow, Growing as we learn, Rooted in Jesus

Tuesday 8th December

With less than 2 weeks before the end of term on Friday 18th, this newsletter has a bit of a theme!



The Nativity

As you are aware this year we are unable to perform our Nativity in the usual way. However both Pippin and Russet classes have been working hard to create a performance with a difference. They performed the Nativity story through dance; this was recorded yesterday and will be shared online with all parents in KS1 and EYFS. There are eight dances which depict the story that use key themes to help with motif (movement ideas). The organisation takes many different forms of solo, duets, trios and group dances. We hope you enjoy it as much as the children have performing it!

Christmas Parties

We are pleased to be holding Christmas parties this year as this is one of our most enjoyable Christmas activities. The party for every class will be after lunch on Wednesday 16th December 2020. There are a few things that will be different:

• Your child will need to bring in their own individual party food box.

• Your child will need to wear their party clothes to school and for the whole day so please ensure they are practical.

Santa Dash

A reminder that the Santa Dash will take place on the Parish field on Tuesday 15th December. Every class will complete the dash in their bubbles so we can continue to be Covid compliant. The children can do anything from walking, jogging or running. They can choose to wear a full Santa costume or just a Christmas jumper or perhaps reindeer antler or a Santa hat; the choice is yours! If the weather is wet, please ensure children come prepared with a pair of wellies! There will be prizes for the best costume.



Community Christmas Cards

It has become a tradition in recent years that Bramley Class entertain the residents of Staplehurst Manor Care home with a carol concert. Sadly, this year they are unable to make this visit. Instead Bramley class have been busy making Christmas cards and decorations which will be delivered to residents of Staplehurst who would normally attend the McCabe Day Centre. This is a wonderful way

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of giving back to local communities. All cards will be quarantined before they are safely delivered to residents.

Christmas Tree

A big 'thank you' to the Elliot-Dunn family who kindly donated the Christmas tree. Mrs Bannon and a couple of volunteers decorated it last Friday and it has certainly brightened up the hall.

Diary

Friday 11th Christmas Jumper Day (minimum donation of £2 please) and Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 15th Santa Dash

Wed 16th KS1 and 2 Christmas Parties

Friday 18th End of term (No church service) Children finish at 3.15pm

FOCSS

Starting next Monday for the final week of term, FOCSS will be running a different festive stall each afternoon after school.

Finally, some news which is a change of theme....we raised the most money of any collection point in the Marden Royal British Legion area; £330.18, which is impressive. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously.

Enjoy the rest of the week.