# 'Living and Growing in Christ'

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## St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

### 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Newsletter

Nearly there – only 1 ½ days to go! It's been another extremely busy week, with carols & Christmas lunch being our largest events this week. Next week our Yr 4 and Yr 5 children will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation at St Aidan's church on Monday. Classes also have their class parties on Monday. All pupils can wear their own clothes. A reminder that school will close at 1.45pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and there is no after-school club on Tuesday. Have a lovely weekend.

#### **Advent Carol Service**

Our older pupils led us in an evening of carols on Monday, taking us through the nativity story. It was a performance 3 years in the making, with the previous two both being cancelled because of Covid restrictions. It was so nice to see the children back at St Aidan's church again, doing what they do best, performing with such confidence. A really big thank you to Mrs Paull who has been preparing the children in hymn practise for several weeks.









#### Monday Mufti

All pupils can wear their own 'party clothes' on Monday for their class parties, although they should still be suitable for outdoor play. Those with PE should bring PE kit in a bag.



- St Mary: Luca Hassan St. Francis: Isaac Lam St. Joseph: Sienna Harewood
- St. B: Reuben Onwuejeogwu
- St. Theresa: Aidan Ferguson
- St. Peter: Ivy Farrell
- St Paul: Gabriella Booth



**Christmas Lunch** 

On Wednesday all the staff and pupils were treated to a tasty Christmas lunch by Mrs Shirley & Mrs Hilson. Children got to enjoy carols in the hall as they had their lunch. Thanks to all the staff who helped Mrs Shirley and Mrs Hilson to dish up the lovely celebration meal.









**Baby news!** 

Mrs Paull shared the very lovely and exciting news with staff this week that she is expecting twins, who will be due late next June. We wish her and her husband Mat all the best.

> St Mary: Ezra Bentil St. Francis: Celina Lukjaniuk St. Joseph: Emilia Koch St. Bernadette: Giovanna Ross St. Theresa: Elliot Westwood St Peter: Rafaele Costa St Paul: Lily de Freitas

#### Mr Skehan's Leaving Assembly

I was very touched this morning by the wonderful tributes that were showcased by each of our classes. The children put a massive smile on my face with their funny and touching performances. I would like to say a really big thank you to all of the families who contributed to my extremely generous gifts. I look forward to seeing lots of parents on Monday and Tuesday at drop-off and pick up to say thank you for all your support during my time here.



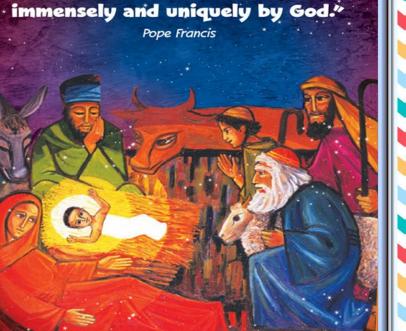








"The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God." Pope Francis



Yr 6 Carols at parish Christmas lunch Our Yr 6 pupils were invited to sing carols at the St Aidan's parish Christmas lunch this afternoon. They sang a range of carols from our performance earlier in the week and spent some time chatting with the lunch attendees.



#### Achievement

Well done to everyone who celebrated individual achievements in assembly this week. Isabelle, Charlotte MF, Eoin D, Harriet, Max, Reuben, Aaron, MJ, Jake, Charlotte McL & Olivia were all awarded medals or certificates for swimming, Celina earned a Mathletics award, Harriet, Betsy & Sienna all earned medals in Irish dancing and Gabriella came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Reigate Holly Run.

