



LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

# St Margaret's at Hasbury CE

Primary School and Nursery

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### Diary Dates

30th Nov	Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch
1st Dec	School Photograph Mop Up Morning
2nd Dec	Year 2 Library Trip
8th Dec	NHS Eye Tests (Reception Only)
9th Dec	Year 1 Library Trip
10th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Reindeer Run
13th Dec	School Nurse in school for Flu Vaccinations
15th Dec	Christmas Lunch
17th Dec	End of Term. Break up for Christmas

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Last Thursday it was very quiet in school, due to 4 classes out of 7 being out of school on trips. Children visited Worcester Cathedral, the Synagogue and the local library. In addition to this, Year 5 visited Cradley Heath Mosque where they were warmly welcomed. As always, our children behaved impeccably.

Here are some comments we received.

A credit to the school

Lovely to see the children learning about other faiths



I would like to thank Mrs Thomas for arranging such a valuable visit.

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy month since the last newsletter. Classes have been on visits, visitors have been into school, we have held a virtual book fayre, parent consultations and a remembrance worship.

We are still adapting to ever changing situations. Covid cases continue to rise locally and as a result, Dudley Council Public Health are asking settings to consider measures to help reduce transmission within local communities. Decisions made by school will go a long way towards enabling children and staff to have a healthy and well-deserved Christmas break. Below, you will find arrangements regarding all things Christmas and Covid.

### Christmas Cards

The advice is to quarantine cards and sanitise individuals hands when distributing cards. School cannot safely manage this as staff need to focus on impacting children's learning and not on managing the quarantine of Christmas cards. Can I please, therefore, ask that your children do not send cards into school.

### Productions:

Evaluating current numbers of Covid cases within our school community, we have taken the decision to not hold live performances this year. We are looking at producing a podcast to ensure families are part of St. Margaret's Christmas celebrations. More information will be sent out shortly.

Covid and other illnesses are impacting on the St. Margaret's community. Can I please ask that you refrain from sending your child into school if they display any of the symptoms and book a PCR test.

Since half term the school day has been extended for year 3 and year 4. The support from parents has been overwhelming, thank you for encouraging your child to access this opportunity. It really must be noted that the children's attitude and effort during this extended day has been commendable.

Mrs Shepherd

## VIP Guest at St Margaret's

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming James Ketchell to St Margaret's. James Ketchell is the first and only person to have rowed across the Atlantic Ocean, successfully summited Mount Everest and cycled 18,000 miles around the world. His visit was truly inspirational.

Children's Initial thoughts...

"When I heard James had got to the top of Mount Everest, it taught me that if you never give up, you can achieve your dream". Theodore.

"What really wowed me was when James always believed in himself". George.

"I loved hearing about his adventures and meeting him person". Fleur

"I loved having my picture in the tent and hearing the story about James climbing Mount Everest". Astle



## Recent School Events

**Odd Socks Day** -The children had great fun taking part in odd socks day to raise awareness for anti-bullying week.

**Mental Health Champions** -Our Mental Health Champions helped the younger children at St Margaret's during a balloon game. They worked wonderfully together whilst using only 3 rules: 1. Team Work. 2. Everybody gets a turn. 3. Use positive words of encouragement. So a big thank you to our mental health champions.



**Cooking Room** -Our new cooking room was visited by our reception children this week. They all had great fun baking, decorating and I would imagine, eating their gingerbread people!



## Birmingham Synagogue Trip — Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic time visiting Singers Hill Synagogue, Birmingham. The children got to experience what a real-life synagogue was like and asked many inquisitive questions. This was our first outing as class, at St Margaret's, and definitely won't be our last. The children's behaviour was impeccable and didn't go unnoticed by our tour guides. A huge thank you to the volunteers who supported our children. — Mr Murphy.



## Christmas Activities



Last year, children took part in a sponsored reindeer run, raising much needed funds for Mary Stevens Hospice. This was a huge success both with the enjoyment from the children and the monies raised. This year we would like to combine the sponsored Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Edward's Trust and Mary Stevens Hospice, charities that our school community has used. I hope you will all be as generous and supportive as always.



## Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 15th December! The menu is below. *Please note all orders for Christmas Lunch must be received by midnight on Tuesday 30th November on School Money.* Any orders placed after this date cannot be accepted, so please book by Tuesday. Thank you

## Christmas Menu

**Christmas menu**

**Date: Wednesday, 15th December**

Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage and Seasoning  
(V,Ve) Roasted Quorn Fillet with meatless chipolata and Seasoning

Roast Potatoes  
Creamed Potatoes

Carrots / Peas  
Sprouts  
Gravy

Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce  
Chocolate Ice Cream Tubs or Arctic Roll  
Manager's Festive Choice

Wishing you a very merry Christmas from everyone at Catering, Cleaning and Caretaking Services

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