



St Margaret's at Hasbury CE Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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December 2020

Diary Dates

18th December - Christmas party

4th March - World Book Day

Term dates

Term Ends: Friday, 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Term Starts: **Monday, 4th January 2021 (no inset day)**

Half Term: Monday 15th-19th February 2021

Inset day: Monday 22nd February

Term Ends: Thursday, 3rd April 2021



SPONSORED REINDEER RUN:

Last week, all children from Nursery to Year 6 donned their antlers and took part in a sponsored reindeer run and I am so proud to announce £2145.81 has been raised for Mary Stevens Hospice.

This is a remarkable amount, well done and thank you.

BAUBLES:

The baubles of hope, our alternative to giving and receiving Christmas cards, have raised £609.68 for the Black Country Food Bank. This is more than I could ever have imagined!

Thankyou all for your generosity.



Dear Parents,

As 2020 draws to an end I would like to take a moment to reflect on the year. No one could have ever imagined what we have all lived through. Some of us have experienced terrible loss, and all of us have changed our routines and way of life. This has most definitely brought the St Margaret's community together, a real positive in what has been a very difficult year.

It has been three weeks since my last newsletter and the pace here in school certainly hasn't slowed down. I previously announced that Christmas would not be cancelled in school and it hasn't! Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have put on great online performances for their families and the school and the 'Virtual Christmas Fayre' has gone live.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes,

Sara Shepherd

Headteacher



Could all parents of children due to start in Reception in September 2021 ensure that they have submitted their application for a school place.

Last Friday, Mrs Tromans (a grandmother of one of our pupils) had a nasty fall on school Lane.

Mr Tromans would like to thank all staff and parents who helped his mum and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Reading Pledge:

Can I please remind you all to encourage your children to read over the Christmas holiday. All children now have an array of books to choose from in their own personal eBook account. If you are having difficulties accessing the eBooks please contact the office.

'School pledges to read to every child, every day for at least 10 minutes and we want parents to pledge to read to their child every day for at least 10 minutes.'

Dear Families,

We must all be pleased to see the end of 2020 and be looking forward with hope to the New Year. Everyone has been challenged by the pandemic, and many will have lost relatives and friends to the virus as well as suffering economic hardship. The difficult times have also brought out the best in people and the school's community has been no different to the rest of the country. Mrs Shepherd has led the school with the aim to reduce the impact of the pandemic on children, families and staff. Headteacher and staff have been inspirational in the way they have worked to support everyone including keeping the school open throughout the year. The education and well-being of children have always been at the forefront of her planning.

The outlook is now much more positive with the rapid development of vaccines which will be giving everyone hope that the virus can be brought under control in 2021. Even with effective vaccines there will still be a need to maintain the basic precautions such as social distancing and frequent hand washing to safeguard those who are further down the queue for vaccinations. Everyone must now be wishing that in a year's time the country and the world will be returning to normal, so that it is possible for parents come into school and see their children take part in activities such as services, celebrations and performances. As a school we will be looking forward to 'normal' as there are still mammoth tasks ahead, such as ensuring every child can make up learning lost due to school closures earlier this year.

As the end of 2020 approaches our thoughts and prayers of will naturally turn to those who were casualties of the virus, and their families but we should also be thankful to all of those who stepped up to help others in difficult times. Finally, on behalf of governors I would like to thank all families who have supported the school at a difficult time for everyone in the community.

Have a very 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year',

AG,

Chair of the IE

Father Rob will be holding a Zoom carol service on Christmas Eve, replacing the one which many families usually attend in church. Please contact Father Rob for the link if you would like to attend.

School Closure:

In order to keep families safe and support track and trace over the Christmas break it is imperative that we are made aware of any positive cases of Covid-19. This is so all families who need to isolate can be identified and for us to ensure the correct children are self-isolating if this is needed.

If your child receives a positive test, please email us immediately at info@hasbury.dudley.sch.uk stating the following:

- child's name
- symptoms start date
- date of positive test
- parent mobile number.

GOODBYES:

At the end of this week we say goodbye to staff members. Mr Batham, Mrs Chapman (member of our cleaning team) and Mrs Taylor (lunchtime supervisor) who are all retiring. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the very best. I would personally like to thank them for the service and support they have given St Margaret's.

Mr Hill and Mrs McCrossen have been working with Miss Hughes, Mrs Lowe, Miss Gill and Mrs Smith ensuring children in year 3 and year 1 have a smooth handover. 2021 marks the start of something exciting for our departing teachers and I would like to wish them the very best.

