



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

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Happy to Learn

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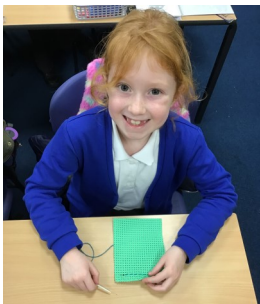
Dear Parents,

Hi everybody, I hope this newsletter finds you well. I really must start off by thanking you all so very, very much for your continued support during these difficult times. Just as we all got used to new changes, more were thrown at us as a school and, subsequently, at you! Together though, we continue to keep children, staff and the community safe.

Best Wishes,

Sara Shepherd

Headteacher



## Busy, busy, busy



Since the last newsletter, two classes have learnt to sew! Year 4 have started working on the Young leaders Award through the Archbishop of York Youth Trust, some year 6 children have climbed and jumped off a tree and our scores in the TTRS challenge were through the roof. Go St Margaret's!



## Diary Dates

Week beginning **14th December** – Christmas Nativities (Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2)

**7th December** - Reindeer Run

**11th December** - virtual Christmas Fayre

**16th December** - Christingle

**16th December** - Christmas lunch

**18th December** - Christmas party

## 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

Term Ends: Thursday, 3rd April 2021

Don't forget to order your child's Christmas Bap on the School Money app by **3rd December**.

A month ago staff decided that Christmas was not going to be cancelled at St Margarets but that we would do things differently!

The yearly Christmas Fayre raises much needed funds for school. C Touch screens, reading scheme books and much more have been purchased with monies raised at this event. This year we can't invite you into school, but we can still make you part of our Christmas festivities. All children, from nursery to year 6, will be becoming little apprentices. Over the next two weeks they will be making craft items to be sold and putting together a video to share these with you. With the children's persuasive skills and their big smiles, we hope you won't be able to say no!

The nativities are going ahead! Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are busy practising a nativity (in a bubble!). The performances will be recorded and the video (with your permission) will be shared with parents of the bubbles. Teachers will be asking for signed consent for your child to be recorded and for the video to be shared.



### Eco-Club News



School took part in this year's switch off campaign. With the aim of raising awareness of energy usage, we decided that on the 25th November we would have a day with as little energy used as possible. The morning started off very gloomy but screens and computers were off. Around 10am it was bright enough for the lights to be switched off and they duly were. Staff and children were amazing!

Schools have been asked once again by the local authority to remind our communities to follow the rules around self-isolation. It is imperative that anyone who is awaiting test results or lives with someone awaiting test results self-isolate. Not only does this mean that you must stay in the house, but it also means you must not mix with other households.

### Remote Learning

This week KS2 children will have accessed their Google Classroom account for the first time. Can I please ask that you also practise accessing this with your child at home in readiness for work to be allocated on this portal. Thank you

### Giving back

This week we tweeted a just giving page to raise money for the Food Bank. We surpassed our £200 in just 24 hours, this is fantastic, #generosity. Next week it is National Tree Week. During this week we will be decorating our school Christmas trees.

### Staying safe and kind online

Over recent weeks school has been addressing fallout over online gaming and WhatsApp. All children at St Margaret's are under the legal age to register for WhatsApp and indeed use WhatsApp. Creating an account with false information and registering an account on behalf of someone who is underage, is a violation of Whatsapp's terms and conditions.

All classes now have their paper tree ready to be decorated with baubles of hope. We are asking children to donate a small amount to the Black Country Foodbank in return for a bauble of hope to put on their class tree. Please can I ask that all donations are put into a clearly marked envelope. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to make a donation.

