

St Ethelbert's RCP School

# Christmas 2019



Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff and pupils of St. Ethelbert's, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas. The Autumn term is always very busy, particularly in the lead up to the festive season. I would like to thank my wonderful staff who work so hard for the good of our children. I can assure you that they go above and beyond their job descriptions to ensure that the children make progress, have memorable experiences and are happy and safe in school. Our school community is very lucky to have such dedicated staff and we should never take them for granted. Just to remind you that school closes on **Wednesday at 2pm** and reopens at **8.50am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

M. Messham  
Headteacher



### Christmas Productions

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and children who worked so hard in preparing for our Christmas performances, and to all those who supported the school through the purchase of tickets or helping with costumes. I know that so many of you look forward to these events every year – they are an integral part of our Catholic tradition and are a wonderful lead-up to the Christmas season.



### Choir in the Community

Well done to the choir who visited Hulton Lane Community Centre to sing for the senior citizens. It was a morning of both laughter and tears (good ones!) and it was a wonderful opportunity for our children to give something back to our local community.



### BOSCEP Carol Service

Our Y5 GIFT Team members represented the school at the annual BOSCEP Carol Service, held at Thornleigh Salesian College.



### Migration Project

Thank you to all those families who sent in their migration story – St. Ethelbert's has a very interesting community, with many families coming to Bolton from overseas for lots of reasons, whilst other families have lived in Bolton for generations. Our History leader, Mrs Jones organised the school's contribution to the Destination Bolton Project and this was displayed in Bolton Market Place. Many members of the public came to see the exhibition and four of our children had the opportunity to act as guides. They were fantastic ambassadors for St. Ethelbert's.



## Y2 Visit

Y2 enjoyed their visit to Staircase House in Stockport, which enhanced their study of the Great Fire of London.



## December Birthdays

Nursery: Natalia, Khadeja

Reception: Aaliyah, Joshua, Chukwudalu

Y1: Jacob, Lily-Anne, Octavio

Y2: Joseph, Aisha, Archie

Y3: Alfie, Aston,

Y4: Rhianne, Adam, Kelechi

Y5: Joshua, Ahmad, Jazmin, Alisha

Y6: Joseph, Christine, Ethan, Joe

**Happy Birthday to you all!**



## Severe Weather

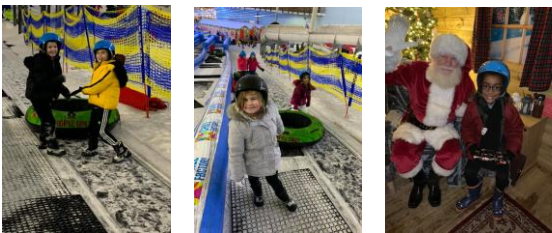
In the event that a cold snap descends upon us after Christmas, I would just like to clarify our procedures in case of severe weather which might make it necessary to close school for any length of time.

The decision to close school is not one that will be taken lightly. Many factors need to be taken into account including:

- The extent to which roads and pathways on school premises and the surrounding streets present a risk to both pedestrians and motorists
- The ability of staff to get to school; the vast majority of our staff do not live in the immediate area of the school, with a number not even living in Bolton. Enough staff would have to be present in order to satisfy regulations regarding pupil: teacher ratio.
- In the event of a school closure, we would use our texting service to make parents aware of the situation. For this reason, **please make sure that the mobile phone number held on our computer is up to date and let us know of any changes.**

## Chilly Visit

As part of their 'Christmas' writing topic, Y3 recently visited Chill Factor, where they had great fun playing in the snow. They also met the man himself.....Father Christmas!!



## Christmas Masses

Please note the times and venues of Masses in Christ the Redeemer parish over Christmas



### Christmas Eve

St Ethelbert: 7.30pm Carols

8.00pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity

St William: 11.30pm Carols

12 Midnight Mass of the Nativity

### Christmas Day

St William of York: 10.00am Mass of the Nativity (Day)

### St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)

St Ethelbert: 10.30am

## Games Night

Thank you to all those who supported our recent Games Night. The children enjoyed all the festivities. Thank you to all the staff who made the event possible.



## Attendance Champions

The following classes achieved the best percentage attendance during December:

w.c. 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Y1, Y2 & Y4 – 98% full attendance

w.c. 9<sup>th</sup> December – Y4 – 98% full attendance

## Polite Reminder

It is a school rule that children do not wear earrings; school will take no responsibility for any injuries caused by this rule being broken. Earrings will have to be removed for PE lessons; if your child is unable to do this independently, please remove them before arriving in school.

## Thank You!

Thank you to all those who supported our recent Christmas raffle and Lucky Envelope draw.