



St Thomas' C E School

Headteacher: Mr C Kirk



“Jesus at the heart of our learning community”

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the end of term finally approaches, I just like to say well done for getting to this point. It's been a long one!

Next week we have our school parties and carol service at St Thomas' Church.

The parties are in the afternoon of the 20th. However KS2 have their final forest school session of the year that morning (a joint session). KS2 must therefore come to school dressed for forest school and bring party clothes and shoes in a bag to change at lunchtime. Reception and KS1 may come to school in their party clothes.

Regarding the carol concert (at St Thomas' Church, Finch Road), please feel free to join us on Thursday at 2.30pm and enjoy a final flurry of Christmas cheer. If you can't make it, please note that children will need to be collected from the Church on Finch Road by 3:15pm. Unless otherwise informed, children in regular after school care will be taken back to Meadow Campus.

As we prepare for the New Year, I'd like to remind parents of our registration system at school. I'm aware that as a non-catchment school, many of you travel in and occasionally get caught up in traffic problems en route, these rare incidents are part of school life. However, Mrs Tonge still has to close the register as soon as possible to obtain that days fire list (a legal obligation) and sort lunch numbers out for the kitchen as her top priority. On a good day, this can be signed off by 9.00am. Coming in late means that these numbers have to be re-done, with systems re-opened and on a bad day, 3 or even 4 trips around school to update the lunch list and replace copies of the fire list. Between the 1st of December and the 15th of December we had 49 recorded late marks on our system ranging from 5 minutes to over an hour. Please bear this in mind and maybe adjust household morning routines as necessary. If you know you are running late, please call in if you can. The phone is usually (but not always) manned at that time of day.

Please remember that we are an "Allergy Aware" school and have children on site with severe nut and seed allergies. Please avoid nuts and sesame in snacks and packed lunches.

There are places available to join with Badminton lessons after school on a Wednesday. Lesson re-start in the new year on Wednesday 17th January. Please contact susanne.domingo@gmail.com if you are interested in a place for your child (from year 2+).

All that remains now is to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and all the very best for 2024.

Hopefully see you at the Christmas Fayre tonight – where there is still an opportunity to order a digital copy of the School Concerts – these can be ordered and paid for using cash or cards.

Regards,

Chris.

Chris Kirk
Headteacher