



St Adrian's Catholic Primary School



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"To learn, to love, to live as a community of God with Christ as our teacher."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy term once again in school. We have had trips to Celtic Harmony, Cambridge Computing Centre, Hampton Court, The Fitzwilliam Museum and St Albans Cathedral to name a few. We have also celebrated Black History Month and had some lovely visits from people who help us and the children in EYFS even got to act out 'real' jobs in 'Little City'. We've played in football and netball matches. We've helped raise money for the Red Cross and Children in Need with our 'Great St Adrian's Bake Off' and we also collected generous amounts of food for The Vineyard Church. The children have been busy with all of their duties in school such as: prefects, eco warriors, house captains, school council, wellbeing team, sports ambassadors and we are currently training up our new digital leaders to commence their roles after the holidays. Our Chaplaincy Team has led us in prayer for the Mercy Mass, All Saints Day, Remembrance day and the Advent assemblies - which they prepared. Most recently, the children truly excelled in showing us the true message of Christmas through the KS2 carol service, and the EYFS and KS1 nativities as well as the lovely Grandparents' Tea and carols. The choir also treated the residents of Vesta Lodge to a carol or two as well. Thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald for that, the residents loved it!

Over the past term, the staff in the school have worked incredibly hard to ensure your children are making the best progress possible, adapting and tailoring the curriculum to meet their needs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their support and hard work in the school. They truly are a great team who are committed and diligent as well as empathetic, understanding and above all, have the children's and each other's wellbeing at heart. They really do care and it shows!

I would like to thank the parents for your support at home with your children - helping them to reach their full potential. It is so important that we work together to ensure we get the best out of the children. On behalf of all the staff, I would also like to thank you all for your very generous Christmas gifts. They are all very thoughtful and very much appreciated. On a personal note, I would also like to thank you for all your kind words of support, thoughts and prayers.

As you can imagine, running a school takes a lot of work. With that in mind, I would like to thank all of the governors of the school who freely volunteer their time to support in the strategic management of the school. They attend many meetings and support the school in a variety of ways to make sure we are providing the children of St Adrian's with the best opportunities.



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Thank you once again to Mrs Ruffell, who has worked tirelessly for the last 20 years in St Adrian's. We wish her all the very best in her retirement and hope she manages to rest and put her feet up, I think she has earned it after so many years. I hope that she enjoyed her send off. She will be missed.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Sophie Mc Sweeney who has worked in the kitchen at St Adrian's for 6 years. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Finally, a HUGE thank you goes to the children of St Adrian's. You make coming into work everyday worthwhile. I love to be greeted with your smiling faces and watch you learn, grow and thrive. You really brighten up my days.

Make sure you behave yourselves at home, not just for the next few days so you can stay on the 'good list' but for the whole Christmas period and beyond. That can be your present to your parents!

As we near the end of term and draw closer to Christmas, we think of how we can prepare our souls to be ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts. We must try to remember to take some time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

I know we will all look forward to spending time with loved ones, with hopes and prayers for a fruitful, peaceful and happy new year. I wish you and your families all a very happy and holy Christmas.

God Bless,

Mrs Porter - Headteacher

