## The Messenger

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## 'Du du du du du du, du du du du du du du du du'... It's still in my head!





Dear Parents and Carers,

The final of our Christmas productions featuring all our children came to a close this week. With the 'Big, Little Nativity' taking place last week featuring Reception children and KSI children producing a wonderful telling of the Christmas story, this week saw KS2 deliver an almighty show of equal brilliance. I am sure you all felt the Christmas joy from the children as their enthusiasm and talents shone brightly. Thank you for supporting the children and being great audiences too!



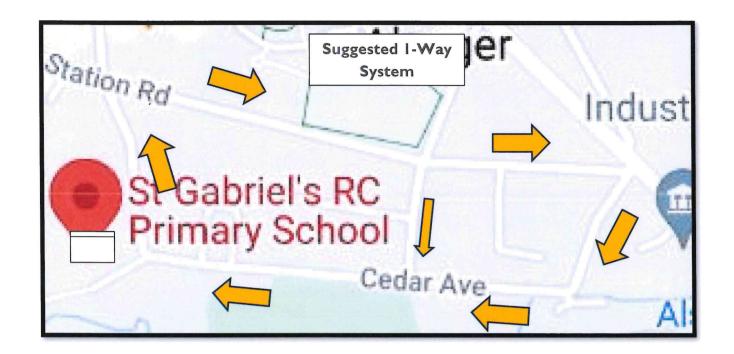


Y6 children also worked on their business enterprise project this term in aid of charities they have chosen. Items were on sale before the final performance so an update will be shared for next week!



We continue to journey through Advent with week three approaching this Sunday. This weeks readings and thoughts can be found on the Wednesday Word... <u>St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School: NEW: Wednesday Word PDF's (stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk)</u>.

We are also supported daily by the liturgies prepared by One Life (Dan and Emily) who visited us recently. With every blessing for a peaceful weekend, E J Byrne



## **Traffic Flow**

Just a reminder to keep the message alive, please try and operate a 1-way system at drop off and collection times. DO NOT DRIVE down Well Lane. This will help alleviate potential difficulties regarding access.

As always, please take great care.

| Attendance Matters |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Rec                | 93.7 |
| Y1                 | 96.4 |
| Y2                 | 93.7 |
| Y3                 | 96.3 |
| Y4                 | 97.4 |
| Y5                 | 94.9 |
| Y6                 | 96.9 |
| TOTAL              | 95.9 |

Still lots of colds/sickness bugs affecting everyone now, as we manage 5 out of 7 classes meeting the 95+ national target. The average therefore is down for whole school. Let us hope for a more settled term after the holidays.

We are monitoring attendance closely.

| Forthcoming Dates |  |
|-------------------|--|
| December 2023     |  |
| Tues 19           | End of term mass 9:30 (parents welcome)                      |
| Wed 20            | SENd Coffee Morn 9:00  |
| Wed 20            | Christmas Lunch for children                                 |
| Thurs 21          | Christmas Disco  |
| Thur 21           | Christmas Extravaganza at Pre-School (with Father Christmas) |
| Friday 22         | School closes for Christmas Holiday                          |
| January 2024      |  |
| Mon 8             | School opens   |
| Thurs 11          | Y6 Residential Meeting for Parents 3:20                      |
| February          |  |
| 12-16             | Y6 Residential visit to Stanley Head                         |
| Fri 16            | Break for half term  |

## Pre School-News

Christmas Fundraiser Extravaganza/Santas Grotto on the night of the disco  $21^{\rm st}$  Dec 3.10-5pm in Pre-School.

There will be stalls to take part in - name the elf, guess the number of sweets in the jar, bottle tombola, lucky dip, hot drinks and mince pies, used toy/book stall, hot chocolate cones and reindeer food for sale.