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# St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

*'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'*

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## End of term message from Mrs Maynard

*As the end of this first term in the school year, I would like to congratulate all the St Ethelbert's pupils on their hard work and persistence as they have settled into their new classes. We have had a very successful start to the year with a wide range of learning opportunities planned for the children. There have been visits into the school from Viking and Egyptian workshops, trips out to the Chiltern Open Air Museum and Slough Baptist Church, as well as carol singing in Windsor, at Holy Redeemer and St Joseph's school. St Ethelbert's pupils attended the Diocesan Mass where we read the bidding prayers, and the Chaplaincy team held a Skype chat with Bishop Peter. Our sports teams attended several tournaments and we played in the local schools' football league. All of this along with huge amounts of learning going on every day.*

*In class, children have continued to be taught Literacy using the Storytelling Schools approach, and we introduced Maths No Problem this year. We are already seeing great benefits from this teaching style. Thank you to the parents who have been able to attend drop-in Wednesdays – it's a great way to see what your child has been learning. Thank you to all the support from parents with all aspects of school life; our school community is built on open communication and trust. I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas, with all the blessings of the season. The children return to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, after Epiphany.*

### Christmas Raffle

Thanks to all of our families who bought raffle tickets for Monday's raffle. The main prize was a beautiful set of knitted nativity figures which had been donated by Busy Fingers, a craft group of Holy Redeemer parishioners. Alongside this were prizes donated by Tesco and St Ethelbert's school; we had nearly fifty prizes. A wonderful total of £535 was raised, the money has been donated to the Catholic Worker Farm and Slough Foodbank. The children understood how the raffle related to the Gospel reading of the third Sunday of Advent, and to the school's mission for social justice. Well done to all the winners, and to everyone who bought a ticket.

### Attendance Assembly

Well done to all the children who had 100% attendance for this term. Each of these children's names went into a draw for a prize. The winners received £30, £20 or £10 WHSmith vouchers. Each term pupils with 100% attendance will go into a draw for a bigger prize.

### Writers of the Week

Well done to our writers of the final week of the term.

<b>Nataniel Lepa 1Y</b> <b>Ayush Swaminathan 2S</b> <b>Marcel Abramowicz 2M</b> <b>Christopher Tai 3PG</b>	<b>The whole of 4Z</b> <b>Zuzanna Makar 4D</b> <b>Stephen Mayuga 5G</b> <b>Keeley Canavan 5E</b> <b>Christopher O'Leary 6D</b> <b>Rukudzo Chiwara 6C</b>
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### Reminders for the first week back

- **MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – School closed to pupils for staff INSET day**
- **Clubs sign up on Wednesday 09<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am – 8.50am KS1 hall**
- **Ties are part of school uniform; all children should wear their tie every day. Please name ties and replace if they have been lost.**

### Safeguarding Reminder

If you have concerns for the safety of a child over the Christmas period, please see the NSPCC website for advice. Any member of the public can contact Slough Children's Services Trust to report a concern – see the SBC website for contact details

Our school staff members with responsibility for safeguarding and welfare are:

**Mrs Laura McAlpine, Safeguarding and Pupil Wellbeing Officer and Mrs Wendy Cripps, Welfare and Parent Support Officer**

If you wish to speak to either of these members of staff, please make an appointment via the school office.

God Bless

**St Ethelbert, pray for us**

**Mrs Maynard  
Headteacher**