## The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers.

Thank you so much for your continuous support this year. I am pleased to say we have received our draft Ofsted monitoring report which confirms we are heading in the right direction. This will be released to you as soon as we get the green light to share publicly from Ofsted.

I cannot believe we are at the end of another term. The time seems to pass so auickly.

Thanks to all the staff for all the events this term and particularly all those who organised trips or sporting events this includes all our office staff who do an amazing job in ensuring companies get paid and permissions slips are collated and coaches booked.

What a wonderful term we have had! It was so lovely to see so many of you at our recent Christmas performances, thank you for all of the positive feedback, we can see you clearly enjoyed the shows!

I was really in awe of the confidence in all our children on stage. It is easy to forget how young they are and what an amazing achievement to stand up in front of lots of unfamiliar faces and perform their hearts out. We had nine performances in total!

We have also participated in a recent advent service at the Cathedral and year 3 and 4 shared their choral skills in a performance to parents for which we are really grateful to Mrs Campana.

One of the highlights this year was returning to symphony house with a small group of year 6 children. The children pulled together a collection of wonderful carols and songs for the residents. Some children went around the corridors singing for those who were unable to join us for the main performance. The true meaning of Christmas serving others and bringing joy to those who needed it.

Thanks to all of you who have supported our numerous campaigns donating toys to the NNLive radio Christmas toy appeal or food to the cathedral food store as well as the Reindeer Run for Cynthia Spencer Hospice. This support is invaluable.



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Our continued thanks to Our Lady Immaculate Academy Trust, the Diocese, and our Local Academy Committee, all teachers and support staff. And to you the parents and families who entrust us with your wonderful children for who it is as an absolute pleasure to serve.

We wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas, and look forward to seeing you all on Thursday January 4th 2024 at 08.45!

God Bless,

Mrs C Dodds

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