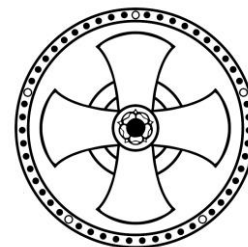




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Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and Happy Christmas – you might think this a little belated but it is still the Christmas season in the church calendar until Monday 8th January, when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and are full of hope for what 2024 may bring.

It is a joy to see the children back in class, working together and renewing their friendships. I have heard lots about the exciting presents Father Christmas has brought them and the exciting adventures they have been on.

On Wednesday, the children returned to an art/DT enrichment day and have been proudly sharing the fruits of their labours – for example: Y1 have been sewing and have created some incredible bunting inspired by the book *Lost and Found* and Y2 have been inspired by the work of Lowri to experiment with colour mixing, not to mention the Y5 investigation into cams and followers. You will be able to see your child's masterpieces when you come to parents evening on Thursday 25th January (more details to follow).

Following the appointment of Ms Garbarz (who will be greatly missed by us all), to the local authority, we are pleased to welcome Mr Simon Strange as our new interim SENCO. Many of you will have met him on the gate in the last couple of days and he is in the process of meeting/contacting parents who Ms Garbarz used to work closely with. Mr Strange's working days will be Tuesday and Friday (unless he has meetings to attend). I am sure that you will make him feel very welcome. Mr Barber is relishing his new challenges although remains on speed dial for me! We wish Ms Garbarz and Mr Barber every success in their new roles – the LA and St Richard's Catholic College are very lucky to be working with such amazing people.

As you know, I am now the Interim Headteacher and will do my very best to fill the big shoes left by Mr Barber. I am excited to fulfil my new role and appreciate your continued support. This really is the best school, with the best children and the best families. What a privilege to work with you all! I hope to see many of you at Celebration Assemblies, which will start next week.

Warm regards,
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