ST RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers.

We have had a beautiful journey through Advent in school. The children have engaged in Masses and Advent Quiet Liturgies in a wonderful way. I want to thank everyone for their support and help during this year.

Thank you for joining us in school to celebrate with us. Thank you to Father Philip and Deacon Antony all their prayers, support and help this year.

The Christmas productions were all amazing and were a wonderful celebration of Christmas.

Thank you for all your help with costumes, learning lines and songs. It was a real team effort from everyone to make these such a success. As always we were very proud of the children as I am sure you were. To have the confidence to perform in front of a full hall was brilliant.

Thank you also for your wonderful support to our raffles during the productions.



Christmas Carols. Key Stage 2 led a carol concert during Praise Assembly last Friday. They did a brilliant job and sang beautifully. Thank you to everyone who organised this and to everyone who came to watch.

The Christmas Fair was a tremendous success. Thank you for all your donations and for supporting the fair. The money raised goes to School Fund and helps towards the Christmas activities that the children do and other projects for the children. The amount raised was a record for us-£1,257. This is a fantastic amount and we are grateful to everyone who helped to organise the fair and who came to support it on the night.

The children had a wonderful time at the Christmas Disco. Again thank you to everyone for

The children had party day and a special visit from Father Christmas who gave each child a gift.

School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 20th December and we return to school in the New Year on Monday 6th January, 2025.

<u>Staffing news.</u> We are pleased that we have appointed a new TA, Mrs Natalie Reed who will be joining St Raphael's on 6th January 2025. I know that everyone will welcome her to St Raphael's.

I would like to thank the whole community of St Raphael's- staff, pupils, governors, parents, carers and extended family for making this such a special time in school.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. Enjoy this special time with your families and friends.

Kind regards, Mrs L Lakner

May God's love shine in our lives as we care, share and learn together.