



# St Clare's Primary School, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a long Advent Term, I wanted to send you my thanks.

Joining a new school is never easy, but joining a new school as headteacher, in the middle of a pandemic, brings a unique set of challenges! You have welcomed me into the St Clare's community and embraced the changes that have been made and I am very grateful for your continued support.

I want also to publicly thank every single member of St Clare's staff. In a year like no other, they have overcome substantial hurdles to make sure that your children's education does not suffer; have provided hot meals in less than ideal circumstances; have kept the premises even cleaner than usual; have ensured that all of the extra administrative tasks have been completed and have kept our wraparound care in operation. They have simply been amazing!

We have much to celebrate from this term:

- The children have settled extremely well back into school routines and there is great learning taking place.
- New staff have been welcomed and are fully integrated into the team.
- We are about to break for Christmas as a Covid-free school, thanks to your diligence, the hard work of the staff and the numerous mitigation protocols we have introduced.
- Our online alternatives to in-person events such as Parents' Evenings, Mass, Liturgies, plays and musical performances have been a big success.
- Our school community has supported many causes: MacMillan, the NDCYS, CAFOD, Send a Smile Appeal and the Coalville Foodbank.

Finally, we come to thanking the most important people in school – the pupils. These inquisitive, polite, knowledgeable, reflective, adventurous children bring the school to life! We will continue to nurture them, academically and spiritually as we move into 2021. We have so much to look forward to!

I wish you and your families a safe, peaceful and restful Christmas.

God bless,

Mrs Beer

Headteacher

