



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the last few months and also, share some exciting news.

It has been wonderful to be able to get the whole **school community** back together once again. We welcomed parents and carers in for presentations, class liturgies and a very soggy carol concert to name but a few. It has been great to see growing numbers at these and hopefully we will soon be able to get back to our full schedule of events.



The development of our **outdoor learning space** is really gathering pace and we have more work scheduled to take place in February half term. It was brilliant to see so many **volunteers** come in on their weekend to help us clear the space back in October and this is a perfect example of what can be achieved when the **whole community works together**.



With all of the disruption of the last few school years, pupils across the country have faced a challenging time making up for lost learning. Here at St Catherine's, our pupils have **applied themselves brilliantly** and **risen to the challenge**. We have had various visitors this term and each one of them has commented on the **exemplary behaviour** and **enthusiasm for learning** shown by our pupils.



Last but not least, I am delighted to share with you that in our recent **Catholic Schools Inspection** we were awarded **Outstanding**. Inspectors recognised the 'tangible sense of community at all levels', the fact that pastoral care is given 'high priority' and that pupils have a 'deep sense of belonging to the school family'. Thank you to all of those who gave your views. Please find the full report attached.



On behalf of all of the staff here at St Catherine's, I would like to say a huge **thank you** for your support this term and for all the thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts. On a personal note, I would like to say thank you for being **so welcoming**. When I joined, I quickly found that I had inherited an **amazing school** full of **lovely people** and my pride at being Headteacher here grows and grows with each passing day.

Have a healthy and happy Christmas!

Mr Croghan