



December 2022



### Christmas Message from the Principal

Yes we have made it to the end of the first term. It doesn't seem that long ago since we returned from the summer break but since that time, we have packed a lot of activities into the term.

The highlight of this and any year of course are the Christmas plays. This year saw a reprisal of the Children's Nativity 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' which was enjoyed by a packed hall last Thursday. Friday also saw a full house for the P1/P2 retelling of the traditional Nativity story. Not to be outdone our Nursery also performed their Christmas show to the parents. As always you our parents and guardians are there for us whenever we need your support and means so much to us and the children.

As this is the last Newsletter of the year, it would be so remiss of me not to thank my wonderful staff both teaching and non-teaching. This school is a very special place, a place of safety and happiness where every child is appreciated and encouraged to rise to their full potential. That is only achieved by the dedication of the staff. We are all most fortunate to have them at St Clare's. So on behalf of myself and Mr Birt, we want to acknowledge them all for all that they do and we hope that Christmas brings them all good cheer, health and happiness.

To my Board of Governors I also extend my grateful thanks for your time and efforts throughout this year. Last and by no means not least, to Fr Devlin for is friendship, moral guidance and good humour. He makes it all worthwhile.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you our parents and guardians a wonderful Christmas Time and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.  
Mr O'D.

### St Clare's Choir

This has been one of the busiest times for the choir in many a year. The choir have performed at St Peter's Cathedral, acted as the guest choir for the Clonard Carol Service, performed for the first time at St George's Market as well as their traditional performances at the Kennedy Centre and Our Lady's Home in Ard Na Va.

In the new year, the choir will be performing at the SSE Arena at the famous Peace Proms. This will be an unbelievable opportunity for the children.

It has been commented upon by both Mr O'Doherty and Mrs McAvoy that this has been the best group of pupils to work with from their glorious, sweet sound to their impeccable manners and the ability to act as real ambassadors for the school.

### West Belfast Festival of Carols 2022

If you wish to see the recording of the Carol Service from the cathedral, just put in the above title on to You Tube. It is a great watch

### Stars of the Nativity



School finishes for all pupils on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 11.00am. Classes will resume for everyone on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

School will be closed for the Feast of the Epiphany on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.