



St Thomas More Catholic High School

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Hope you and your families are all well.

As we come to the end of the advent and approach Christmas, we have celebrated a lovely voluntary Mass in the school sports hall with over 350 of our students attending. Fr David Smith celebrated the Mass and commented on the wonderful, prayerful atmosphere that our students created. During the Mass prayers were said for Sue Maitland and her family. Sue was a member of our cleaning team and had been for over twenty years but she very sadly died last week. She will be greatly missed by her colleagues and friends at St Thomas More.

In addition to the Mass, every year group is having an advent liturgy and rewards assembly. The assemblies are always a lovely reminder of the great achievements of our students day in and day out at school.

682 Bus Service and Parking

We have been informed by Nexus that the 682 afternoon bus service will revert to its original pick up spot, on Whitehouse Lane at the start of term in January. The students who use the service have been informed and staff who will also be around at the end of school in January to remind them.

Unfortunately, we have received some complaints from residents about traffic in front of the houses on Lynn Road at the end of the school day. I know that our site and surrounding area is far from ideal for parents and carers to pick up after school but please can I ask that you are careful and considerate of our neighbours if you are picking up.

Free School Meal Eligibility

In the last few weeks several parents have enquired about the process to apply for free school meals. If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, you can do so by contacting North Tyneside Council on 0191 6432288 or via the following link: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals>

Thank you again for all of your support this term and I wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on 9th January.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Watson
Headteacher

