

Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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COVID update

You will be aware that the Government this week moved to Plan B in light of the emergence of the Omicron Variant of COVID. Updated advice from the DfE reinforces the importance of face coverings being worn by staff and visitors in communal areas, good ventilation and regular testing. We have CO2 monitors in all classrooms to ensure ventilation is good and we have made small alterations to testing for staff to maximise efficiency. Local Public Health latest advice is that all those eligible should book their Booster Vaccine and that schools should remain vigilant around children and adults displaying COVID symptoms in school. Thank you for your continued co-operation,

Christmas Performances

All the children are working towards their Christmas Performances and these are currently being filmed. We are looking forward to sharing them with you. Performances will be shared as private films on a school Youtube channel. Parents/carers will be sent a link to the relevant film and this will be the only way a film can be viewed. The link will be sent to this email address only and must not be shared. There will be no facility for comments and films will be available during the Christmas holiday. We're sure you will enjoy them!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th December – KS2 to church for filming

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas clothing Day, Santa Dash and Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December – Christmas Party Lunch

There will be no clubs in the final week of term.

School will close at 2pm on Friday 17th December

Wednesday 5th January – school reopens to all pupils

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Jumper/ Festive Clothing Day – all children are invited to wear their festive clothing. Remember that footwear should be suitable for the Santa Dash.

Santa Dash – this will be in aid of Rotherham Hospice. We ask for a donation of £1 which will be collected on the gate. During the day, each class will take part in their own Santa Dash.



Advent

This coming Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent and we light the pink candle which reminds us especially of the joy to come at Christmas. Children will bring a small individual bag home at some time during the next two weeks. This will hold a candle and a prayer. On the day the bag comes home, you and your child can access the Virtual Advent Travelling Bag, which will be on the website on the class blog. It would be wonderful if we could take this small opportunity to spend time sharing the Christmas Story.

The Autumn and Winter Plan



Over autumn and winter, the Government will aim to sustain the progress made and prepare the country for future challenges, while ensuring the National Health Service (NHS) does not come under unsustainable pressure.

The Government plans to achieve this by:

- Building our defences through pharmaceutical interventions: vaccines, antivirals and disease modifying therapeutics.
- Identifying and isolating positive cases to limit transmission: Test, Trace and Isolate.
- Supporting the NHS and social care: managing pressures and recovering services.
- Advising people on how to protect themselves and others: clear guidance and communications.
- Pursuing an international approach: helping to vaccinate the world and managing risks at the border.

Christmas Fayre and Santa Visit

Thank you so much for all your generosity this week. The children had a lovely afternoon on Wednesday and it was very exciting to have Santa in school. The children were also delighted to sell the Christmas goods they had made. Altogether an amazing £900 was raised. Money raised will go towards enhancing outdoor learning.

The Jess Cup

Congratulations to Esme Martin who was last week's winner of the Jess Cup! Well done!



After School Clubs

The following clubs will run next half term.

Monday – Cycling Year 3

Tuesday – Basketball Year 5 and 6

Tuesday – Gardening Foundation Stage (new group of children)

Wednesday – Tag Rugby KS1

Thursday – VEX (current group)

Friday – Art Club Year 2 (new group of children)

Friday – Young Voices (current group)

You will be sent a link to book if your child is eligible.

Punctuality and Attendance

The gate is open between 8:30 and 8:45pm. Please ensure children arrive on time for school to start at 8:45. Congratulations to Y3 and Y2 this week with a fantastic winning attendance of 100%. Well done!

Whole School Attendance this week: 96%

School lunches week beginning Monday 13th December

School lunches on the last week are different to those originally published because of Christmas Dinner and Party Lunch. Unless otherwise stated, sandwich and jacket potato options remain the same as usual. Payment for Christmas Dinner and Party Lunch can be made through the School Gateway and the minimum payment on the Gateway will be reduced to £2.20 so that parents/carers can just pay for these lunches as required.

Monday: Red – Chicken Tikka Masala and Naan bread Yellow – Cheese Plait

Tuesday: Red – Chicken Fajitas Yellow – French Bread Pizza

Wednesday: Christmas Dinner Vegetarian option – Cheese Flan

No other options available on this day.

Thursday: Red – Battered Fish Yellow – Cheese and Broccoli Quiche

Friday: Christmas Party Lunch

No other options available on this day.



A Message from Our Mini Vinnies...

Every day next week, Mini Vinnies will be taking donations for the foodbank at Montgomery Hall. We will be on the gate every morning. We would really appreciate any donations you can give. At the moment the foodbank would really appreciate: jam, custard tins and sachets, fruit juice, sponge puddings, rice, long life milk, tinned fruit and coffee. Thank you!

