



Dear Parents,

Co-Vid update- We look forward to the safe return of Y5 on Monday 30th November, Y3 on Tuesday 1st December and Y2 on Thursday 3rd December. Individual children from wraparound clubs who are isolating, we are missing you also. We look forward to seeing you as written. To date, we have had 6 children who have tested positive and 6 staff. Thank goodness, all are either fully recovered or very much on their way to recovery. All suffering remain in our prayers. As mentioned last week, we need a responsible attitude around the site as good role models for our children, to reduce infection risks. Please be vigilant and don't take offence when you are politely asked to maintain safe social distancing, by SLT. Thank you in anticipation.

Pets on site. Thank you to those who are, as always, very respectful of school rules and **keep all dogs, cats donkeys parrots etc, away from the site.** Please see this as a polite reminder for those who may have forgotten. Due to children and staff with allergies to animal fur, no animals are allowed on site unless officially booked in by SLT.

Parents Consultations and Inset Day – is tomorrow. I have re attached a simple reference guide to all parents Please read it carefully to maximise the benefits of the calls. We look forward to your views on the feedback later in the term.

Living our faith. Thank you to those who have already donated generously to the gateway, in place of putting a present under the tree, this year. It is not too late; the **donations can be given right up until Thursday 17th December.** These will go to needy children in our local environment. Children can then add a bauble to the school Christmas tree, (once hands have been sanitised) instead of a present. Many thanks in anticipation. Please remember, also, that next **Friday, 4th December,** there will be crates at each entrance for you to donate to **local foodbanks.** We are looking specifically for: **Shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam, toothpaste, toothbrushes apple and orange juice, tinned vegetables, baked beans, soup tuna, tinned meat, tea and coffee.** Please share your kindness with your children.

Christmas preparations

Christmas Activities this term will include:

- 1) **EYFS Disney Day on 4th December.** Children to wear Disney clothes (Keep an eye on Twitter)
- 2) **EYFS Advent prayer service on 10th December** with Fr Craig – this will be available via ppt on both class pages, in the last week of term, for parents to share. (Photos will be posted via Twitter also).
- 3) **KS1 Nativity, led by Y2 and Y1,** which will be available on the website **for parents to share by Friday 18th December.** (See class pages for details about costumes) (Keep an eye on Twitter)
- 4) **KS2 – the story of Christmas-** led by **Y3** and supported by prayer reflections and poems from **Y4-6.** This will also be available for parents to share by the close of term. (Keep an eye on Twitter)
- 5) **Christmas Jumper day** on the last day of term (Friday 18th December) and I have been told, **that Santa is going to be in school- virtually.** I hope I am on the good list this year! **(Please parents do not buy new jumpers- any glittery or Christmas Colours will be great!)**
- 6) **Christmas Dinner is also on the last day of term.** Children have requested a break from the traditional Turkey and would love a proper Christmas buffet party menu. *More details to follow*
- 7) **DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS NO CHRISTMAS CARDS IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR-** My Apologies.

Other news

Nursey and Reception Parents. Thanks to the 21 out of 29 parents who have responded to our Induction Survey. To those who have not yet shared their views, there is still time. Your opinion matters to us. Thanks in anticipation.

Forthcoming INSET DAYS are as follows:

- Friday 27th November 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Friday 12 February 2021

Two of our Wraparound Clubs (Breakfast and After School) are currently being housed in the hall to ensure that the children are safe and separated, whilst staff are isolating. Please remind them to be safe and responsible. Once again, children have been fabulous!

And Finally...

Christmas gifts from parents. How very kind of you to ask... I would be a real **Grinch** if I banned Christmas gifts for class teachers and their helpers wouldn't I? However, as a precautionary measure, please can I politely request that any gifts are brought in to school on Wednesday 16th December? They can then be stored safely, before staff take them home, avoiding the spread of infection, via packaging etc, across the Christmas period. I hope that makes sense. ☺ Thank you on their behalf, in anticipation.

“Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another”