



Dear Parents,

Co-Vid update- Welcome back to Y2, staff and children today. We are almost complete again- and we are covid free, as a school again. As mentioned last week, we urge 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. **Please find attached a message to all Mums and Dads about Santa and Co Vid – please share it with your children.**

Parents Consultations and Inset Day – Well done to everyone- admin staff, teachers, parents. Informal feedback is overwhelmingly positive. It was really great to see more Dads in attendance. It was also very positive to hear that a greater number of parents are aware of their children's current areas to improve upon. There have been some positives to the Lockdown for them, after all - time with the people who know and love them best.

Living our faith. Wow! The Christmas tree fund is up to £350+ already. That is a real kindness, parents. Thank you very much on behalf of needy children locally. To date, collectively, the parish and the school have now raised in excess of £1,300 for those in need. That deserves recognition. The tree, should be laden with baubles by tomorrow afternoon. Thank you.

Please remember there will be crates at each entrance tomorrow 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.

Forthcoming INSET DAYS are as follows: Monday 4th January 2021, Friday 12 February 2021

School Lunch Credits Some children in KS2 are in credit, as a result of CoVid absences. Please remember to book school dinners through the Club section, to use your credits. For more information and a step by step guide, use the tabs on the website: Useful Information: School Meals <https://www.stmarvangel.walsall.sch.uk/website/schoolmeals/454418>.

Christmas preparations

Christmas Activities this term will include:

- 1) **EYFS Disney Day is tomorrow.** 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.** The School Council have organised the menu, crackers and banqueting roll. It promises to be fantastic! **More details to follow.**
- 7) **DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS NO CHRISTMAS CARDS IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR-** My Apologies.

Other news

Nursey and Reception Parents. Thank you EYFS parents – nearly everyone responded to our online Induction Survey. A summary of the findings and next steps will be with you very soon.

MIST (Online safety pupil led team) On the school website, you will see the first podcast from our MIST team, this year. They introduce themselves and they air online features. The plan is to encourage a voice for children to share good and worrying practice with each other, via this form. Look under the **WEB Zone; Online Safety tab**

Here is an information sheet for parents about the latest interest in our children, called "Among us"; also available on the website <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/is-among-us-multiplayer-game-safe-for-children/>

Christmas gifts from parents. 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 staff's behalf, in anticipation.

And Finally... Welcome back to Mrs Heenan in Y6. It is great to hear and see her back with us. Our huge thanks to Mrs Harbord and to Mrs Polito for their excellent work in Y6 in her absence. Mrs Polito will, of course, continue her hard work with our Leavers' Class of 2021.

"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"