



**HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2019**

Please be advised that all school documentation is available in different formats, on request.

Christmas is coming! The fairies have been! The decorations are up!

**RE – ADVENT**

Yesterday was the beginning of December which marks the first Sunday of Advent. During Advent we remember that Hope becomes Peace, Peace becomes Joy, Joy becomes Love and Love becomes Christ.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

All after school clubs (including the ones covered by sports coaches) for those children with a surname beginning A – L and all sports clubs will finish this week (week beginning Monday 2 December). We will send out letters in January about new clubs starting for those children with a surname M – Z and for Reception children.

**NURSERY/RECEPTION**

Please do not forget to apply for a place in Reception if your child turns four this academic year. The closing date for applications for Reception starters in September 2020 is 15 January 2020. There are still places available in afternoon Nursery. Children can join Nursery as soon as they turn three. There will be some 30 hour places available in September when some of the present pupils move up to Reception. Application forms are available at the office.

**READING**

Under the new Ofsted Inspection Framework, reading (especially early reading) will be high on the agenda for schools being inspected. Please ensure your child reads for ten minutes each night and if your child is in the Infants, please complete their reading records. If your child is in the Juniors, please ask them to complete their reading record. It would also be beneficial to your child if you could spend a bit of time talking about the book they are reading, asking them questions to gauge their understanding of what they have read.

**YOU KNOW WHO'S VISIT**

There are severe weather warnings at the North Pole but he will arrive as soon as he can. Please book ASAP with £3.50 to be put on the list for a chocolate treat and a photograph. Please send money in an envelope with your child's name, the amount and class on the front. Children will visit the grotto during the school day with their class teacher. Thank you.



**TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER YEAR 6 STAY AND PRAY**

Parents and carers of pupils of Class 10 and Class 11 are invited into school with their children for the Christmas stay and pray at 9.00 am

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN CONCERT AT THE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL**  
**THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER**

The choir will be performing at the annual Action for Children Concert on Thursday 5 December at 7.00 pm. Please see Mrs Perry for tickets.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER**

The Christmas Fayre will take place in the school hall on Friday 6 December. Children will go into the hall during the afternoon with teachers so please send in any money they have to spend in an envelope with their name, amount and class on that day. Adults will be allowed in at 3.00 pm via the hall door.

**CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY AFTERNOON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER**

Parents and carers are invited into school to work with their child(ren) in the class(es) on Christmas Activities from 2.00 pm. Entrance will be via the main reception.

**INFANT NATIVITY PLAYS FOR CLASSES 3, 4 AND 5 TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER**

Parents/carers are invited to the Nativity Play on Tuesday 10 December at 6.00 pm (PROMPT) and Wednesday 11 December at 2.00 pm. All children in classes 3, 4 and 5 will take part in both performances. Entrance fee is £1 per adult for a raffle ticket.

Children are required to be back at school for the evening performance at 5.35 pm to ensure a 6.00 pm start. Children should arrive at the main reception door at this time (not before please as teachers have to prepare) and they will be led down to class to get ready. Parents/carers should then go to the hall door. Doors will open at 5.40 pm.

**RECEPTION CLASSES NATIVITY PERFORMANCE THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER**

This performance will take place at 2.00 pm in the school hall and is for parents/carers of our children in Reception (Classes 1 and 2). Entrance fee is £1 per adult for a raffle ticket. Entrance will be at the school hall at 1.50 pm.

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – SAVE THE CHILDREN FUN DAY**  
**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER**

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt/outfit for the day and donate £1 in return. All proceeds will go to Save the Children Fund.

**CHRISTMAS DISCO WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER**

All inclusive tickets cost £3. Infants 3.00 pm to 4.10 pm and Juniors 4.15 pm to 5.30 pm. **CHILDREN CAN COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR OWN CLOTHES READY FOR THE DISCO ON THIS DAY IF THEY WISH TO.** Infant children will be taken to the hall from class to the disco. They will be let of the Infant playground door and handed over to parents/carers at 4.10 pm. Juniors will enter through the hall door at 4.15 pm and be handed back to parents/carers at the hall door at 5.30 pm. Please send money into school in an envelope with your child's name on. **THE CHILDREN WILL NOT NEED TO BRING ANY MONEY TO THE DISCO** as the £3 will cover tattoos, drinks and snacks.

**CAROL CONCERT AT HOLY NAME CHURCH THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER**

The Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Thursday 19 December in Holy Name Church at **10.00 am**. Parents and carers are invited to attend. Children will be escorted back to school by teachers.

**PARKING**

We ask that **ALL** parents/carers park considerately to keep **OUR** children safe, especially at This time of year with the inclement weather and dark mornings. **Please park safely, not on the zig zag lines, across people's drive or on the pavement.** Thank you.

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM (Archdiocese)**

This is offered by Jackie Brougham who can be contacted on Tel: 0789 179 5145 or by Email: [jackiebrougham@btinternet.com](mailto:jackiebrougham@btinternet.com).

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 05.12.19 = Choir – Action for Children Concert at Anglican Cathedral 7.00 pm
- 06.12.19 = Christmas Fayre – Children will visit with teachers, parents/carers at 3 pm
- 10.12.19 = Infant Nativity Play 6.00 pm (Classes 3, 4 and 5) in the school hall
- 11.12.19 = Choir – Blessing of the Crib at Walton Centre
- 11.12.19 = Infant Nativity Play 2.00 pm (Classes 3, 4 and 5) in the school hall
- 12.12.19 = Reception Nativity Play 2.00 pm (Classes 1 and 2) in the school hall
- 13.12.19 = Christmas Jumper Day - £1 for charity
- 17.12.19 = Book Bus – accessible to parents/carers all day on the junior playground
- 18.12.19 = Christmas Disco – Infants 3.00 pm - 4.10 pm, Juniors 4.15 pm until 5.30 pm
- 20.12.19 = Non uniform day – 50p for school fund

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

School closes ~Friday 20 December at **1.15 pm (early finish)**

School re-opens Monday 6 January at 8.45 am.

Further dates are on the school website: [holynamcatholicprimary.co.uk](http://holynamcatholicprimary.co.uk)

As Christians, let us celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Christ the King. May we find great **JOY** in our hearts as we remember to put **J**esus first, **O**thers second and **Y**ourself third. May we all find the **peace** that the Angel offered which can only come from Our Lord. This Christmas may we enjoy the gift of **love** which comes from God alone; for He sent His Only Son to this earth to be Our Saviour. We wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas. Thank you for your support. Hope Santa brings you lots of goodies. (If you have been good, that is.)

