



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2021

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

Christmas is coming! The fairies have been and the decorations are up! Social distancing still has to be observed so this has limited the amount of work the fairies could do and what they could put up. However, they have done a very good job under the circumstances and the school still looks magical.

RE – ADVENT

The RE topic is now Advent. Sunday 28 November marked the first Sunday of Advent. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to hold whole school assemblies, Mrs Hughes has kindly put a virtual Family Advent Calendar up on Dojo. Please share this with your children each week. During Advent, we remember that Hope becomes Peace, Peace becomes Joy, Joy becomes Love and Love becomes Christ.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Once again, the current situation means we still cannot have parents/carers in school so there will unfortunately, be no live performances. However, to compensate for this, the whole school will be performing a Nativity which will be recorded and sent out to parents. This will be put on Dojo as long as parents/carers have completed and returned the signed GDPR form sent home recently, giving permission for your child to appear on photographs/videos. If you are still not signed up to Dojo, please contact the main office. If you have not given your permission, your child will not be on the final version.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

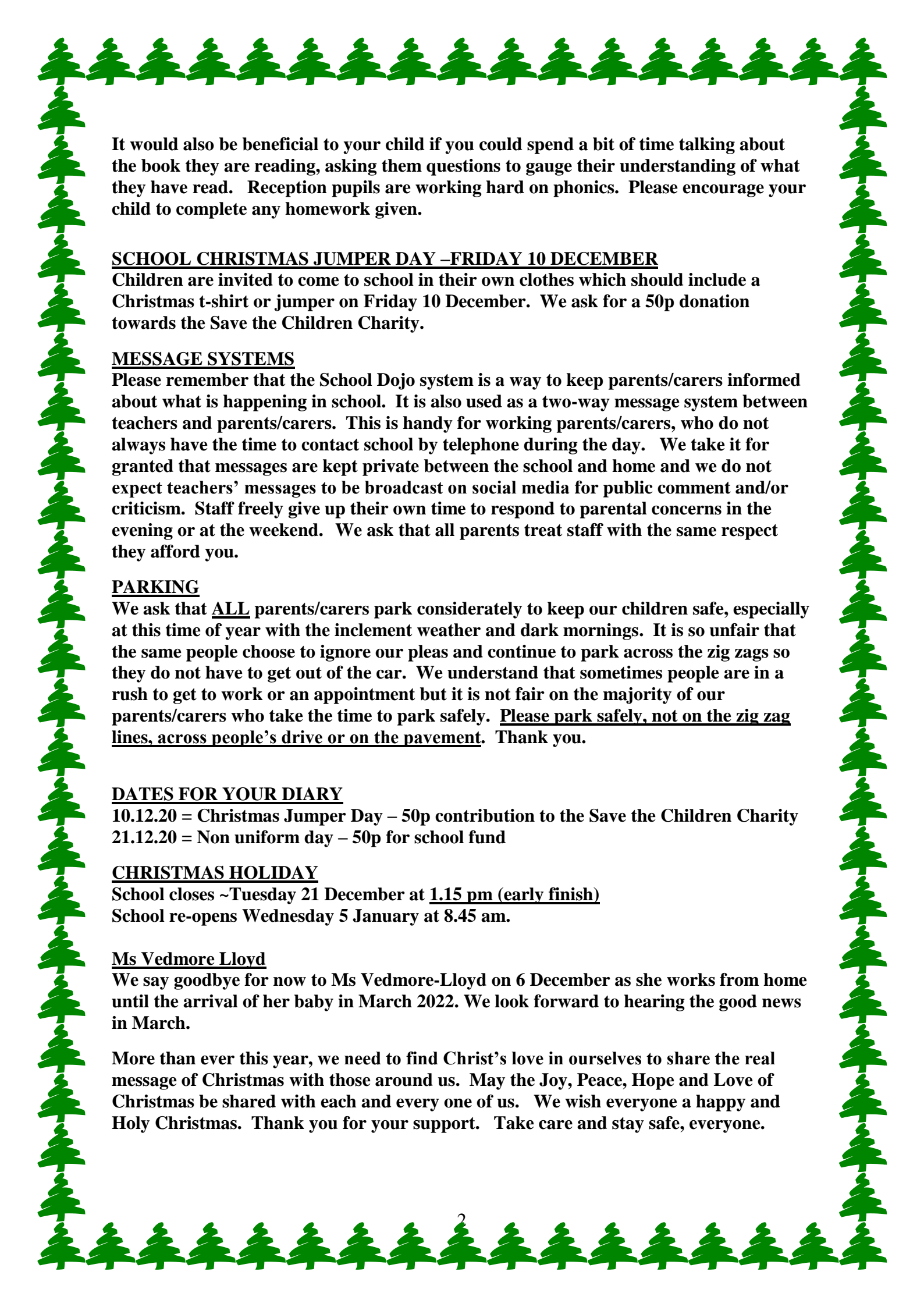
We have been asked by the Archdiocese to support a charity for those in need this Christmas. Teachers are donating to the Fazakerley Community Federation instead of buying Secret Santa gifts. If anyone would like to donate to this charity, I am sure the Federation would be very grateful. Mrs Hughes will send out more information about the Federation and the type of donations they are asking for this year. We understand that more than any other time, families are finding things difficult this year. If anyone in our own school community is struggling this Christmas, please contact Mrs Hughes on Dojo. (This will be treated as highly confidential.)

NURSERY/RECEPTION

Please do not forget to apply for a place in Reception if your child turns 4 by 31 August 2022. The closing date for applications for Reception starters in September 2022 is 15 January 2022.

READING

Please ensure your child reads for ten minutes each night (AND during the Christmas holidays) 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. Reception pupils are working hard on phonics. Please encourage your child to complete any homework given.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY –FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes which should include a Christmas t-shirt or jumper on Friday 10 December. We ask for a 50p donation towards the Save the Children Charity.

MESSAGE SYSTEMS

Please remember that the School Dojo system is a way to keep parents/carers informed about what is happening in school. It is also used as a two-way message system between teachers and parents/carers. This is handy for working parents/carers, who do not always have the time to contact school by telephone during the day. We take it for granted that messages are kept private between the school and home and we do not expect teachers' messages to be broadcast on social media for public comment and/or criticism. Staff freely give up their own time to respond to parental concerns in the evening or at the weekend. We ask that all parents treat staff with the same respect they afford you.

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. It is so unfair that the same people choose to ignore our pleas and continue to park across the zig zags so they do not have to get out of the car. We understand that sometimes people are in a rush to get to work or an appointment but it is not fair on the majority of our parents/carers who take the time to park safely. **Please park safely, not on the zig zag lines, across people's drive or on the pavement.** Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10.12.20 = Christmas Jumper Day – 50p contribution to the Save the Children Charity
21.12.20 = Non uniform day – 50p for school fund

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

School closes ~Tuesday 21 December at **1.15 pm (early finish)**
School re-opens Wednesday 5 January at 8.45 am.

Ms Vedmore Lloyd

We say goodbye for now to Ms Vedmore-Lloyd on 6 December as she works from home until the arrival of her baby in March 2022. We look forward to hearing the good news in March.

More than ever this year, we need to find Christ's love in ourselves to share the real message of Christmas with those around us. May the Joy, Peace, Hope and Love of Christmas be shared with each and every one of us. We wish everyone a happy and Holy Christmas. Thank you for your support. Take care and stay safe, everyone.



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