



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2022

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, the school looks magical.

RE – ADVENT

The RE topic is now Advent. Sunday 27 November marked the first Sunday of Advent. During Advent, we remember that Hope becomes Peace, Peace becomes Joy, Joy becomes Love and Love becomes Christ.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year we are glad to welcome families back to join us for our Christmas performances.

Key Stage 1 (Classes 3, 4 and 5) Nativity Performance will be in the school hall on Thursday 15 December at 9.15am. Details to follow on Class Dojo.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service in Church at 11am, everyone welcome.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our school charitable deed for this half term is supporting the Fazakerley Community Federation Christmas Appeal. Mrs Hughes has sent information on Dojo about the Federation Toy Appeal 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 2023. The closing date for applications for Reception starters in September 2023 is 15 January 2023.

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 9 DECEMBER

Children are invited to come to school in festive clothes which should include a Christmas t-shirt or jumper on Friday 10 December. We ask for a £1 donation towards the Save the Children Charity.

MESSAGE SYSTEMS

Please remember that the School Class 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 class teachers and parents/carers. This is beneficial 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

- 07.12.22 = Class 9 Class Mass in Church 10am – families welcome
- 09.12.22 = Christmas Jumper Day – £1 contribution to the Save the Children Charity
- 09.12.22 = Santa Dash – whole school
- 09.12.22 = Christmas stay and play for Nursery and Reception (am)
- 09.12.22 = Christmas craft afternoon – Parents / Carers invited
- 13.12.22 = Christmas Dinner – Reception – Y6
- 15.12.22 = Key Stage One Nativity Performance
- 15.12.22 = Christmas Disco – see School Dojo for further information
- 16.12.22 = Key Stage Two Carol Concert in Church
- 21.12.22 = Christmas Party Day – festive clothes - 50p for school fund

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

School closes ~Wednesday 21 December at **1.15 pm (early finish)**
School re-opens Wednesday 4 January at 8.45 am.

Ms Dunn

We say goodbye for now to Ms Dunn as she prepares for the arrival of her baby. We look forward to hearing the good news soon.

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.

