

Middleton St Mary's Newsletter 5



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Monday 7th December 2020

Two weeks to go!

In the run up to the end of term and the Christmas holidays, the very last thing we want to do is send another class of children and staff home to isolate over the Christmas break. It is really difficult for any of us to tell the difference between a cold and a case of coronavirus. Please don't show your frustration and anger to our staff who may have called you to collect your child if they have a cough or a temperature; we are acting on government guidance and hopefully in the best interests of everyone when we ask you to take your child for a test. **Remember, if anyone in your house has symptoms, your whole household must isolate and the person with symptoms should take a test. Please notify school. If the result comes back negative, the isolation period ends for everyone.**

Christmas Parties

We will still be having Christmas parties this year however one year group will use the hall at a time, rather than the phase. Children are able to come to school wearing their party clothes all day – make sure children are warm enough. If you still need to send in your party pounds, please do this tomorrow, there will be two buckets on the gates. Children will get a drink, packet of crisps and a packet of sweets for this.

Year 5 - Friday 11th December
Reception - Monday 14th December
Year 1 and 2 - Tuesday 15th December

Nursery - Wednesday 16th December
Year 3 and 4 - Thursday 17th December
Year 6 - Friday 18th December

We will close on **Friday 18th December at 3.10pm** for two weeks and one day. School will be closed on **Monday 4th January** as this is a Teacher Training Day.

Christingle and Santa Dash

Sadly, we cannot invite you to our Christingle Services this year. We will not let the children miss out though. They will have theirs in school this Tuesday or Thursday and bring home their Christingle. Please ask them what each part of the orange represents.



On Friday 11th, we are asking that the whole school wears non-uniform...their Christmas jumpers (again) if possible as we will be taking part in a fun Christmas Santa Dash – fun relays in the playground! This day is also National Christmas Jumper Day and we will be raising money for the Christian Charity – the Children's Society. £1 donation welcomed in the buckets on the gate.

Free School Meal vouchers

We have had confirmation from the Local Authority that £30 supermarket vouchers will be allocated to every child who is in receipt of Free School Meals (not infant Universal Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 and Y2). We will text eligible parents on Monday 14th December with a date to come to the school office to sign and collect them. These will not be Edenred vouchers this time.

Parent Governor Vacancy

If you are interested in this exciting voluntary role, please telephone the school and ask to speak to Mrs N Wood who can tell you more about the role.

Reception 2021 Places

Please remember to apply for your child's Reception school place as soon as possible even if you are in our nursery. <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school>
Closing date 15th January 2021.

Stay safe. Mrs N Wood, Headteacher.