

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Newsletter 5
Thursday 10th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This will be the last Newsletter before we close for Christmas. I've listed the events that are happening in school up until we break up just as a reminder. This has been a very challenging term and I cannot thank you enough for all your ongoing support. I hope you all continue to stay safe and well over the Christmas period and beyond.

Track and Trace

School closes at 1pm on Friday 18th December to allow a thorough deep clean of every area of school and we will **re-open on Monday 4th January 2021**.

It is important for track and trace purposes that if your child(ren) tests positive for COVID19 from Saturday 19th December to Thursday 24th December that you send an email to Miss Dunleavy so that other members of our community who may be affected can be contacted. Any child after this date does not need to inform school until we are due to return. Please note the email will be checked once day only. Please see further information below:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Christmas Activities

• **The Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity**

I have been lucky enough to have had a sneak peek at the Reception Nativity and it is lovely, they have worked so hard to make it meaningful and special for you all. We will send a text when they have uploaded it to the website so that you can enjoy it too.

• **Tuesday 15th December: Christmas Parties**

This will be party afternoon, please provide your child with a **small party snack** preferably something in a wrapper for them to eat in their classroom. These will be placed by your child in their individual tray until needed.

- This is a **non – uniform day**. They will still be playing out at break and lunch time, so please make sure that they wear sensible footwear and a warm coat. School will finish at the usual time.

- **Thursday 17th December: Christmas Dinner**

The children and staff will be having their Christmas dinner on the 17th December-if your child is normally on a packed lunch you should have already received a letter about this. This will be in the children's bubbles as usual but we will make it as "Christmassy" as we can. **On this day the children can wear a Christmas jumper, themed head band or tinsel alongside their uniform if they wish.** If your child is having a packed lunch - feel free to pop in some Christmas treats.

- At **2:30PM** on Christmas lunch day we are hoping to host our annual Christmas sing-a-long via "Zoom" to which parents can join if they wish to. Please bear with us for details about this – we will have a practice first to see if it will work!

Admissions 2020-21

The application round for Primary Applications to our Reception class for 2021 opened on the 1st November 2020, closing on the 15th January 2021. Please see our school website for more information. Applicants need to complete our supplementary form as well as the Leeds City Council application form. Please pass this information onto any parents or friends who you know might be interested. This year we will be unable to hold face to face tours, but I hope to be able to answer any questions please contact Miss Dunleavy in the school office.

Mass

The Church has reopened since lockdown please check the website for Mass times over the Christmas period and for the booking form needed to reserve places. I'm sure Father Duane would love to see you all.

<https://www.parishofblessededmundsykes.org.uk/>

Lastly but certainly not least I want to thank you all for your amazing and continuous support since September and I hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a happy start to the new year.

God Bless & Merry Christmas

Mrs Burns
Head Teacher