

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

20th December 2021

Newsletter



School closes at 3:30pm on Tuesday 21st December and reopens on Thursday 6th January 2022.



I would like to extend my personal thanks to you all for your unstinting support and co-operation this term, which has enabled us to return to some more 'normal' ways of school life. At the time of writing, it seems that we may be facing more challenges in the New Year, but as things stand at present, we are hopeful that January 2022 will see us returning to the same routines and practices as those that are currently in place.

Should we need to make any changes to our arrangements, we will notify you via Parent Mail and Seesaw over the Christmas Holidays.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your families a safe and peaceful Christmas.

COVID-19 Changes to Guidance

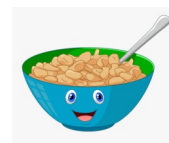
As you are aware, the guidance for managing contacts of COVID-19 and the self-isolation rules changed on Tuesday 14th December. I have included the updated guidance below for your reference.

- From Tuesday 14th December, anyone who is double vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months and is a contact of a person with COVID-19, does not need to self-isolate but should carry out daily lateral flow tests for 7 days. This includes contact with people with the Omicron variant.
- From Tuesday 14th December, those who are currently self-isolating due to being a contact of a person with COVID-19 (including Omicron) can end their self-isolation but should do the 7-day LFD testing.
- Those who are not vaccinated must self-isolate for 10 days if they are a contact of a COVID-19 case (including Omicron)
- Children under 5 are not required to self-isolate or take daily tests

BREAKFAST CLUB

Children currently attending Breakfast Club automatically have a place for the Spring Term, so these parents do not need to take any further action.

If your child does not currently attend, but you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club, you can find a Booking Form on our school website (under the Parents Tab: Letters)



BREAKFAST MUST BE PAID FOR EITHER IN ADVANCE OR ON THE DAY.

PLEASE ENSURE THIS IS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady's and the Apostles Church



The Children's Christmas Mass will be at 5.45pm on Christmas Eve. All children are very welcome and they can come dressed in their best Nativity Outfit to help celebrate this joyful feast; there may even be a surprise visit from someone! There will also be Carol singing led by the wonderful choir for the first 15 minutes and throughout the Mass. We really hope you can join us as we start our Christmas celebrations in preparation for the big day.

Please note we will not be doing a Children's Liturgy on Christmas Day and Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday 2nd January at 11am.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year and we hope to see you soon.

The Children's Liturgy Group (Claire, Lesley and Rachael)



Mini Vinnies - Christmas Fundraising

The Mini Vinnies would like to thank everybody for their generous donations to help raise money for the SVP charity. We raised **£377:50** by holding a Selection Box Raffle and a Break The Rules Day. We would also like to thank all of the staff who generously donated all of the raffle prizes.

We have chosen to spend the money to help those less fortunate than ourselves to have an even better Christmas. Even if you didn't win a prize, you have helped improve somebody else's Christmas as we have been able to buy these gifts from the SVP charity:

Gift of Memories, Gift of Warmth, Gift of Home, Gift of Well-Being, Gift of Joy Gift of Education and Gift of Friendship.

Please visit https://www.svp.org.uk/shop?field_product_tags_tid=24 for further details about each of these gifts.



Merry Christmas from The Mini Vinnies

FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

We all know how difficult the last 18 months have been. Not only has there been the health impact of COVID-19, but also many people have been furloughed or made redundant. Unfortunately, this means that home circumstances have changed for many of our families. Should you be experiencing financial difficulties, and wish to be issued with Food Bank Vouchers for over the Christmas holidays, please speak to either Mrs Core or Mr Kilkenny **in confidence** to arrange this.

Infant Nativities / Key Stage Two Advent Liturgy

We have now shared the links which will enable you to watch **your child** in their Christmas performance. These have been issued via Seesaw and Parent Mail to those parents who signed and returned their agreement.

Please remember that, as per the signed agreement, these are for personal use within your immediate family and **must not be shared** ~ doing so is a Personal Data Breach and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Diocesan Advent Service: Tuesday 14th December

Well done to all those children who participated in the Diocesan Advent Service last week ~ your singing was absolutely beautiful and your behaviour was impeccable!

Thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors for Our Lady's!

Navendu Mishra, MP for Stockport: Christmas Card Competition

Well done to everyone who took part in Navendu's Christmas Card Competition this year. We are delighted to announce that Navendu selected two of your designs for inclusion on his Christmas card, which will be sent out to approximately 3000 homes and businesses this year.



Congratulations to Max in Year 6 and Isobel in Year 5!



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Don't forget to check out our new Twitter account for latest updates.

DINNER MONEY

Dinners cost £2.15 per day. These need to be paid for in advance, either weekly or for the half term.

Please put the money in a sealed envelope **with your child's name and class clearly marked on it** ~ **£10.75 per week or £58.05 for the half term.**

Thank you.