



Our Lady's R.C. Primary School

Newsletter

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Christmas Sing & Sign

We hope that you enjoyed the children's sing and sign performance this year. Due to current circumstances, we were unable to host our usual Nativity, but we hope that this video brought a little Christmas cheer to all of our families. The video can be found on our homepage and by logging in via your child's TEAMS' account.

These events are a great part of our Advent journey and I would like to thank all of the staff for all their hard work to enable this.

Christmas Service

Thank you to all families and parishioners who were able to attend the virtual Christmas Service via Teams last week. Well done to Year 3 for leading the service so beautifully.

Our Lady's Church

Father Kevin has informed school that there is now a recorded Mass from Church that can be accessed by our community. This Mass can be accessed from the parish section of our website. The stream is from Facebook (you do not need a Facebook login to access it). It is the intention of Father Kevin to try to produce more of these Masses.

Caritas & Gift Team

Even though our Faith teams have been unable to visit our local community like they normally would at this time of year, they have still been very busy. The team have managed to make and send an array of Christmas cards to our community to spread some Christmas cheer. Well done team!

BOSCEP (Bolton And Wigan Catholic Education Partnership) Carol Concert

Pupils will attend virtually the BOSCEP (Bolton & Wigan Catholic Schools Education Partnership) Carol Concert hosted at Thornleigh Salesian College today. The children have been looking forward to singing some carols and coming together as part of our Catholic family.

Christmas Parties

The children are looking forward to their Christmas parties this week. It will be lovely to see and hear the children dancing and singing and generally just having lots of fun with their friends.

Considerate Parking

I have once again been contacted by concerned members of our school

community regarding parking. Can I politely remind parents that they **should not be parking** on chevrons outside school **at any time**. I would reiterate again that our utmost priority is the safety of our children and all other road / pavement users. Can I also please ask all parents to be considerate of access for local residents. If you can keep this in mind when parking please. Thank you for your cooperation.

Meeting Father Christmas, Christmas Parties & Christmas Lunch

Please see the following dates for the children's Christmas parties at school. On this day the children can come dressed in their own clothes and will take part in some Christmas activities.

All pupils meeting Father Christmas virtually— Monday 14th December

Reception Party —Monday 14th December

Y3 and Y4 —Monday 14th December

Y5 and Y6 — Tuesday 15th December

Rainbow Room - Wednesday 16th December

Y1 and Y2 — Thursday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term, Friday 18th December, all the children (and staff!) can wear a Christmas jumper or outfit. The children will be also having their Christmas dinner this day. Many thanks to Angela and the rest of the staff from Mellors for once again providing this lovely Christmas lunch!

Collection

Please inform the school office if you have made alternative arrangements for collecting your child. We will not release children to adults who we are not expecting to collect at pick-up time unless we have been made aware of arrangements in advance.

Government Covid Guidance

The Government regularly update their guidance for schools, parents and carers about what they need to know about a Covid-19 outbreak – click [here](#) to visit the page.

House Points Prize

Well done to all the children in St Luke for winning the house points prize this term. Their reward will be held at the start of Spring term. Details TBC.

Y6 & Y2 SATs Updates & Information Videos

As we are unable to invite parents into school as we would usually do, we will be creating some useful videos for parents.

These videos will provide an outline of the logistics of the testing process and suggest ways how you as parents can support your child. Further information and details will follow after Christmas.

School Office

During the current Covid-19 crisis, could we please ask that you keep your visits to the school office to an absolute minimum. In order to keep our school and staff safe, we want to restrict the number of people entering school. If you need any information or assistance, please in the first instance email the school office:

enquiries@admin.aspullourlady.sch.uk

Alternatively you could call school on 01942 832299. The school office should only be approached if your issue cannot be resolved by emailing or calling school first.

Back to School

A reminder that the children are expected back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2021. Our staggered start and finish times remain the same.

Merry Christmas

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy and holy Christmas break.

'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'

Isaiah 9:6

Attendance Matters!

Class	WB: 30/11/2020	WB: 7/12/2020
Year R	97.8%	98.9%
Year 1	98.1%	92%
Year 2	100%	97.8%
Year 3	99.7%	98.6%
Year 4	99.0%	95.6%
Year 5	99.3%	99.3%
Year 6	99.3%	99.3%
Whole School	99%	97.3%

Learning and loving together; we grow with Jesus.'

'Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.' Pope Francis quote

Thank you - Mr C Horridge - Headteacher



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Dates for Diary 2020/2021		
Spring Term 2021		
Tuesday 5 th January		Spring 1 Term Starts
Tuesday 12 th January		Y6 Assessment Updates & Information Video released
Tuesday 19 th January	9:05 a.m.	Y2 Assessment Updates & Information Video released
Friday 5 th February		Number Day
Tuesday 9 th February	4:00p.m. – 6:30p.m.	Parents' Evening (all year groups) By telephone TBC
Tuesday 9 th February		Safer Internet Day 2021
Wednesday 10 th February	4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.	Parents' Evening (all year groups) By telephone TBC
Friday 12 th February		Virtual Love Your Community Day Hamper/ Cake Sale each class + 1 for The Brick
Monday 15 th February – 19 th February		Half Term
Thursday 4 th March		World Book Day
Monday 8 th March – Friday 15 th		Science & Eco Week
Tuesday 9 th March		Y1 Phonics Information Video released
Thursday 1st April		TEAMs Last Supper Service (Y5 to Lead)
Thursday 1st April	3:35p.m.	Break the Rules Day - Term Ends

Due to COVID -19, all dates, timings and arrangements are subject to change.

Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2022/23

Schools are asked to consult families concerning their admission arrangements. The consultation webpage can be found on the Wigan Council website at – <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Consultations/index.aspx> The webpage contains the consultation documents which includes the proposed admission arrangements for our school. The closing date for responses is 12 January 2021.



THANK YOU

May we take this opportunity to again thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.