

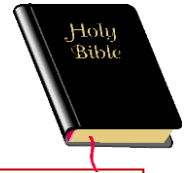


The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

CHRISTMAS EVENTS NEWSLETTER – 4th December 2020

Mission

Each Monday we share our mission of the week in our whole school assembly. This week we are looking for children who show peace in their lives in school for the second week of advent. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.



Stars of the Week

Rec – Akito
Year 1 – Layla B
Year 2 – Kyle
Year 3 – Beaux
Year 4 - Roaya
Year 5 – Max
Year 6 – Meya

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 95.1%
Year 1- 99.3%
Year 2- 94.5%
Year 3- 97.9%
Year 4- 96.1%
Year 5- 96.6%
Year 6- 96.9%
Whole school- 96.8%
Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

We have been so lucky not to have shut any bubbles so far. Please can you continue to help us by socially distancing on the playground and wearing a mask as we move into Tier 3.

Positive COVID Cases

We have been very lucky in our school so far with no bubbles shutting. If any child or member of your household has a positive COVID result please email: bursar@cathedral.lancs.sch.uk or head@cathedral.lancs.sch.uk as soon as possible. If we do have to shut a bubble this will be done quickly and we appreciate your support in this.

Prayer Space For Parents - This month's Ten:Ten reflection for parents can be found at <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>. Please try to find time to use this valuable resource.



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Christmas Cards

Class Christmas post boxes will appear in the classrooms on Monday 30th November and children will be welcome to post cards to their friends each day. The cards will remain in the post boxes during the whole week and be emptied every Monday morning and delivered to classrooms. This way we stay safely within current guidelines but allow the children, if they wish, to keep up with this wonderful festive tradition. Last post will be Wednesday 16th December!

Christmas Nativity for REC and KS1

As I am sure you will appreciate, we cannot perform our Christmas Nativity in the Cathedral as we have done for the last few years. This year we will be recording a Nativity production in school time and this will be available for you to watch on the website at the end of term. The children have been practising for this.

Carol Service KS2

As well as our nativity we are busy preparing KS2 a carol service. This would normally take place in The Cathedral but this year we will perform this outside and record it for all to see.

Christmas Calendars

The PTA and school have created a wonderful calendar for you to buy. Each class has been assigned a month and every child is on it. It really is wonderful and a really professional calendar which would make a great Christmas present. To order please pay £5 on Parent Pay and your calendar will be delivered via your child's book bag. Thank

you to those who have already ordered and we look forward to seeing more orders come in. They would make a great Christmas present.

Christmas Secret Room

The Christmas Elves have been incredibly busy and we will be opening the secret present room on Friday 11th December during the school day. Each class bubble will visit the secrets room with their teachers and teaching assistants and children are invited to buy up to two presents for special members of their family. Only adult presents are available, as Santa is very busy preparing presents for the children. Presents will cost £2.00 each. If you would like your child to take part PLEASE PAY ON PARENT PAY or provide your child with a maximum of £4 cash to bring in on or before the 10th December in a named purse or envelope. Children will get to choose the presents themselves, but there will be some of Santa's Elves to help if the choice is proving tricky. This year the presents will be also be wrapped up and given to the child on the day. All money raised will go to the PTA funds.

Please see your child's book bag for a flyer.

Advent Charity Collection and Christmas Jumpers

During Advent, we will continue to collect money to support Mission Together's project in Myanmar – helping children to be able to go to school. There are collection boxes for loose change in every classroom and on **Wednesday 16th December**, everyone is invited to wear a Christmas jumper (this can be a normal jumper with added decorations) for £1. Please watch the video prepared by the Charity Committee at <https://www.cathedral.lancs.sch.uk/news/2020-11-25-advent-charity-collection> for more information. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Panto and Party Day

Children can come in their party clothes or dress up as a Panto character on Thursday 17th December. Each class will have their own Christmas party in the morning and then watch a panto in the afternoon. "Oh no they won't! Oh yes they will will!"

As you know, we would normally visit the Dukes Theatre in Lancaster, so our children have the opportunity to experience live theatre. This year, we are moving online, with all classes watching Cinderella on Thursday 17th December at 1pm. This will be free, as school feel the children have worked so hard in difficult circumstances and they deserve a treat.

Christmas Dinner

All classes will be having a Christmas dinner in school on different days (see below for dates). This will be held in the hall with Christmas music and crackers for all to enjoy. If your child is in Reception/ KS1 or free school meals they will automatically get a meal. If your child would like to buy a Christmas dinner then please pay £2.30 onto your dinner money account on Parent Pay. Vegetarian meals will be available. Carla always makes a delicious dinner especially the parsnips which staff look forward to.

Christmas Film Night

Due to COVID restrictions we are running two film nights so we can prevent crossing bubbles and have enough staff to give up their time to be with the children. Reception and KS1 will be on 15th December and KS2 will be on 16th December. Tickets are £3 a child or a family ticket is £7. This includes a snack and a drink to enjoy. Please pay on Parent pay. The family ticket can be bought even if siblings are in different bubbles. See times below.

Diary Dates For Your Calendar

30th November – Christmas post box open in the hall.

11th December – Secret room open. £2 each gift

14th December – R, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Dinner

15th December – Year 3 and 4 Christmas dinner

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Film night 3.15- 4.30pm

16th December – Year 5 and 6 Christmas dinner

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Film night 3.15 -5pm

Christmas jumper day to raise money for Missio £1 donation.

17th December – Christmas party morning

1pm Christmas Virtual Panto for all children.
18th December – Finish school at 1.30pm No After school club