



## The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS NEWSLETTER – 11<sup>th</sup> 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 joy in their lives in school for the third week of advent. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.



#### **Stars of the Week**

Rec – Isabelle  
Year 1 - Erin  
Year 2 – Julia  
Year 3 – Sylvester  
Year 4 - Louis  
Year 5 – Madison  
Year 6 – Ameila

#### **Punctuality and Attendance**

Reception- 86.2%  
Year 1- 97.5%  
Year 2- 95.9%  
Year 3- 95.1%  
Year 4- 98.2%  
Year 5- 96.3%  
Year 6- 95.2%  
Whole school- 96.8%

#### **Positive COVID Cases**

If any child or member of your household has a positive COVID result **up to Sunday 20th December please email:** [bursar@cathedral.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@cathedral.lancs.sch.uk) or [head@cathedral.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@cathedral.lancs.sch.uk) as soon as possible and we can act.

**After Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December,** where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms, **school must not be contacted.** This is because they will be out of the 48-hour window for close contacts. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

It would be awful to have to tell staff or children to have to self-isolate over Christmas. We are working hard inside school to prevent the spread of infection. Please help us by wearing a mask in the playground and stay distant in the playground.

#### **Christmas Secret Room**

Thank you to everyone who sent money in to the Secret Room. The children really enjoyed buying a secret gift.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day for Mission Together**

**Wednesday 16th December** is Christmas Jumper Day. Everyone can wear a Christmas jumper (or a home-decorated jumper) with their school uniform for a £1 donation - all money raised will go to our Mission Together collection. Thank you to everyone who has sent in coins for our class collection boxes for Mission Together. Please continue to send in loose change - every penny makes a difference.

#### **KS2 Journey to Bethlehem**

Each Key Stage 2 class has prepared a short reflection on a part of the Nativity story. These were filmed outside this week and will go on the school website on the last day of term. Please sit and enjoy with your children to reflect and remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

#### **Time to Reflect**

If you haven't yet had time, please do visit the Ten:Ten reflection for parents at <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>. It is an oasis of prayer at this busy time of year.

### **Christmas Nativity for REC and KS1**

This will be available for you to watch on the website from this evening. We hope you enjoy seeing the children perform in this socially distant manner. Thank you to all staff who have helped make this possible.

### **Website**

As we cannot see parents much at the moment we would like you to look at our website. Each class has a blog which is updated regularly and there are lots of photos and information about what your child is doing in class. Please use the website as it is a hive of information.

### **Christmas Panto and Party Day**

Children can come in their party clothes or dress up as a Panto character on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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!"

### **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**

Reception and KS1 will be on 15<sup>th</sup> December till 4.30pm and KS2 will be on 16<sup>th</sup> December till 5pm. 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. Please pick up children at the back gate and your child will be given to you in the same way as we do at the end of the school day.

### **Carol singing**

Moorlands Community Hub is encouraging our local community to join in a nationwide carol singing event on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm.

<https://www.carolsonthedoortstep.co.uk/> will see everyone through open their front doors and join together to sing 4 popular festive treats! Look out for posters around the community designed by our very own year 6!

### **Diary Dates for Your Calendar**

14<sup>th</sup> December – R, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Dinner

15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 and 4 Christmas dinner

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

16<sup>th</sup> 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.

17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas party morning

1pm Christmas Virtual Panto for all children.

18<sup>th</sup> December – Finish school at 1.30pm No After school club

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school at 8.35am for a new term.

# **NEW TERM DATES FOR 2021- 2022 – SEE BELOW**



## School holiday pattern 2021/2022

### Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School closes for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	INSET
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 1.30pm

### Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

### Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens at 8.35am
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Day Closure
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens at 8.35am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School closes at 1.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET