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## Holy Family Weekly Newsletter 4.12.2020

### We follow in Jesus' footsteps

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**"Prepare the way of the Lord."**

In school we've talked about how getting ready for Jesus is not just about putting up decorations in our homes and school or buying presents. Jesus wants us to prepare our hearts, so we can love God and other people more. Many of the children are trying to be extra kind, both in school and at home, over the coming weeks. They are also very keen to support the Mission Together charity - a charity who work directly with children.

On Thursday all the children in school watched the Advent Liturgy arranged through Our Lady's Catholic High School. This was a beautiful service, when children from all the feeder schools to Our Lady's joined in with readings and art work. You too can watch it on the Our Lady's website. If you would like to watch it the link is:

<https://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/advent-service-2020/>



#### Advent events

11<sup>th</sup> December - Virtual Pantomime of 'Oliver with a Christmas twist'

17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner and party day - children can wear their own clothes, Christmas jumpers etc...

During the following few weeks the children will also enjoy Advent Art afternoons, special class fundraising events for Mission Together as well as Advent prayer and liturgies provided by the teacher and the pupils.

In the last week of term there will be a special visitor to see all the children.

We are planning lots of wonderful activities over the coming weeks so that this is a memorable Advent and a special celebration of Christmas at a time that has been a challenge for everyone - including the children!



#### Headteacher's Award

Mrs Westray has awarded Birdie this special award for her achievements for Curling.



#### Star Awards

- YR - Harry & Madison
- Y1 - Jesse & Aron
- Y2 - Peter & Maja
- Y3 - Annabelle & Kyle
- Y4 - Lewis & Grace
- Y5 - Myla & Alessia
- Y6 - Courtney & Julia K



#### Good Samaritan Awards

- YR - Ruby A
- Y1 - Lacey
- Y2 - Tia
- Y3 - Karol
- Y4 - Maya
- Y5 - Lena
- Y6 - Dorrell

### Mission Together Fund Raising Activities



Reception - Toast next week, 10p a slice (only reception children to take part)

Friday 11th December classes will do the following to raise money.

Year 1 - PJ bottoms

Year 2 - Silly socks

Year 3 - Sick socks

Year 4 - Slippers

Year 5 - Silly socks

Year 6 - on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, next week, Hot Chocolate will be available to buy at break (for Year 6 only) 50P

All staff will have a slipper day

### Keeping Warm

The weather has started to turn colder and we have to keep the school well ventilated, with windows open in classrooms. If your child feels the cold you may wish for them to wear a vest or a thermal top that is hidden under their school uniform. No hoodies or non school sweatshirts should be worn.

### Term dates 2021/2022

Term dates for 2021/2022 have now been approved by governors and are on our website.

### KS1 Milk

Milk payments are now due for next term. Please make payments online using your Scopay account. As milk has been ordered with the supplier before we break for Christmas, all orders must be made by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Cards

Please do not send to school individual Christmas cards as we are unable to hand them out due to restrictions. Children may create/write one Christmas card for the whole class, which can be displayed in their classroom.

**If a child has COVID-19 symptoms, gets tested and tests negative, can they return to school even if they still have symptoms?**

If the child is NOT a known contact of a confirmed case the child can return to school if the result is negative, provided they have been fever free for 48 hours and feel well.

If the child is a contact of a confirmed case they must stay off school for the 14 day isolation period, even if they test negative. This is because they can develop the infection at any point up to day 14 (the incubation period for COVID-19), so if a child tests negative on day 3 they may still go on to develop the infection.

**If a child who was a contact of a confirmed case tests negative, can they return to school?**

No, the child should complete 14 days of isolation.

**Does a child who was identified as a contact need to have a negative test before they can return to school?**

No

**If confirmation of laboratory diagnosis is delayed (failure to get a test appointment within 3 days of developing symptoms) the following actions should be followed:** This symptomatic child needs self isolate for 10 days. Siblings from the same household should self isolate for 14 days. Any other household contacts should self-isolate for 14 days

**Please contact Ms Shelts for advice about returning to school.**

### Coronavirus - important information

COVID 19 - Please would all parents/carers be reminded that if someone in your household has symptoms of Covid, the whole household should isolate whilst a test is taken, and the result received. Your child should remain at home and not attend school during this time. If the result is negative, then the pupil can return to school. If it is positive, please contact school immediately. Thank you for your continued support.