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## Holy Family Weekly Newsletter 11.12.2020

### We follow in Jesus' footsteps

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Worship in school next week focuses on the Gospel reading for the third Sunday of Advent, when we hear how John's message was welcomed by the people. John's message was one of great joy and comfort: **'Get ready, for the Saviour is coming.'**

The Advent wreath helps us prepare for Christmas. The circular shape has no beginning and no end – it reminds us that life with Jesus is everlasting. The evergreen leaves show God's love for us never ends. The lights remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.



Here is a special prayer provided by Rachael in Reception:

Dear God,  
Thank you for making your world,  
For making Mary and  
Giving us Jesus. Amen

What a wonderful week it has been in school, all of the children are very productive in their work as well as enjoying spending time with their friends, during this very special time of Advent.

#### Our Advent Charity

This week everyone in school has supported our chosen charity of Mission Together, many of the little red boxes in classes are overflowing! Parents - a big thank you for your generosity.

#### Next week

**16<sup>th</sup> December** - lunch will be Quorn curry or jacket potato and beans

**17<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Meal, if you have not booked the Christmas meal for your child, they will need to bring a packed lunch

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

**18<sup>th</sup> December** - School closes for Christmas holidays at 1pm.



#### Star Awards

- YR - All of Reception Class for a great first term
- Y1 - Delilah & Kacy-Leigh
- Y2 - Gabriel & Nadia
- Y3 - Latiya & Sam
- Y4 - Matas & Filip
- Y5 - Zuzanna & Maja
- Y6 - Lola & Olivia



#### Good Samaritan Awards

- Y1 - Lizzy
- Y2 - Leon
- Y3 - Marli
- Y4 - Ava
- Y5 - Nourhan
- Y6 - Eloise

### Panto

Today the children enjoyed a virtual Panto of 'Oliver with a Christmas twist' which the PTA kindly funded.

### Important

If your child tests positive, for Coronavirus, any time between Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December school must be informed and we will let you know the number to call on next weeks newsletter. This a requirement that all schools are informed of positive cases. Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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.

### 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.

### KS1 Milk

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

### Health

**Headlice** - please check your child's hair regularly, further advice can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

**Chickenpox** - we have had a case of chicken pox in school, further advice can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

**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 10 day isolation period, even if they test negative. This is because they can develop the infection at any point up to day 10 (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 10 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 10 days. Any other household contacts should self-isolate for 10 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.