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## Holy Family Weekly Newsletter 17.12.2020

### We follow in Jesus' footsteps

Holy Family Church

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#### An Advent Prayer

Christ, come into our world of darkness  
Light up our lives with your coming.  
Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth  
Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world  
And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.  
Amen.



*The staff and governors at Holy Family Catholic Primary School would like to wish all pupils and parents a very happy and holy Christmas with every blessing for the New Year!*

This has been such a challenging year for everyone - who would have thought that we would be in the middle of the pandemic still?

We have been extremely lucky here at Holy Family school as we have not had to close any bubbles at all this term. What a relief for us and you! As you know, we have a number of protective measures in place to keep everyone safe and we are pleased that these have been effective so far. Thank you for your support with this and particularly with the rules for drop off and pick up - these rules will continue into the new year.

#### Important

**Please remember, you need to tell school if your child has Covid-19. If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of the end of the school term, or tests positive for Covid-19 having shown symptoms within 48 hours of the end of school, you should report this to school immediately by texting 07423 174675 and a member of staff will phone you back.**

**Staff will be on hand to notify any other pupils in your child's bubble and their families so they can self-isolate for ten days.**

**It's vital you tell us about positive tests so we can help prevent the spread of coronavirus in our community.  
Thank you for your cooperation.**



### Headteacher's Awards - Autumn 2020

Nursery - Shane - For being enthusiastic every day, being kind and patient towards everybody. Shane loves to share his knowledge and skills - he never gives up and has loved challenging himself!

Reception - Grace - for being a shining star in our class- She works very hard in everything that we do, is a kind and thoughtful friend and always has perfect manners. Well done Grace!

Year one - Jesse - for being a fantastic example to the class, trying hard in everything he does (no task too much trouble) and for being extremely polite at all times. Well done Jesse!

Year two - Lennon - For his outstanding enthusiasm and passion for learning and his determination to improve his knowledge and skills.

Year three - Daria - For always being enthusiastic and hard working in all lessons. She is a fantastic role model to others. Well done Daria!

Year four - Olivia S - 100% dedication to all her subjects throughout Autumn term. Olivia is a fantastic role model for her peers. Well done Olivia!

Year five - Maja M - Working hard in all her lessons, listening to hear her next challenge, producing excellent work and giving her opinion and answers to share with the class.

Year six- Julia K - For her incredibly positive attitude in all of her lessons. Julia is very well motivated and challenges herself to improve her scores and achieve excellent results.



### Good Samaritan Awards - Autumn 2020

Nursery Zipporah for being kind, helpful and thoughtful every day and always looking out for all of her nursery friends. Well done Zipporah!

Reception- Sarah for great attitude to any task, following our rules and supporting others to do the same. Well Done Sarah!

Year 1 - Eva for being kind to all members of the class, always having a smile on her face no matter the weather and for always making the right choices. Well done Eva!

Year 2 - Olivia P. Many of the class recognise her as the class friend who unconditionally gives her care, comfort and support to others when they need it.

Year 3 - Ollie for showing compassion towards others at all times. Ollie always shows his kindness towards others and is a fantastic friend.

Year 4 - Michal Z for always being sensible, a good friend and showing kindness to others. Michal shows the other children how to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Well done Michal!

Year 5 - Aston different children regularly put his name forward for the Good Samaritan award.

Year 6 - Julia C has been very kind to everyone especially those in class who needed a friend to comfort them at difficult times

**18<sup>th</sup> December** - School closes for Christmas holidays at **1pm**. And reopens on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**.

### Well Done Maisie

Maisie in Year 6 has raised over a £1000 for St Catherine's Hospice by donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust - Maisie said she felt really happy as she has helped someone who is poorly.

### Christmas at Holy Family Church

**At Holy Family there will be a Vigil Mass at 8pm and Mass at 11.00am on Christmas morning.**

Please note: - When the church has reached its limit we shall have to close the doors.

The Mass on Christmas Day is usually much less busy than the Christmas Vigil Mass. If you are coming as a family 'bubble' please come at the same time to ensure best allocation of places. You need to be wearing a mask or face covering of some sort. Upon entering the church, please sanitise your hands and scan the QR code if you have the smartphone app. Offertory collection basket is as you enter, or ask for a standing order form.

**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.