



# St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been an autumn term like no other! It has continued to be an incredibly challenging time for so many people and we have had to quickly adapt to the ever changing guidance. Despite the many challenges and the uncertainty around these past few months, there has been a strong sense of community.

I am in awe of the resilience that our pupils have shown this term throughout the many changes and obstacles that they have been presented with. I must take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support and understanding for the many decisions I have had to take to deal with regulations around Covid-19. Thank you for trusting me and my staff.

Please be aware that although we are closing today, the school has been asked to remain contactable between 19th - 24th December so that parents and carers can notify the school of positive Covid-19 cases. Parents and carers should only notify the school of a positive test if their child's symptoms appeared within 48 hours of them last being in school. Parents and carers are asked to report positive cases to the following email address: [covid@st-ursulas-rc-jun.havering.sch.uk](mailto:covid@st-ursulas-rc-jun.havering.sch.uk)

This email address is for reporting positive Covid-19 cases only and will be checked each day up until 24th December. When reporting, please provide a screen-shot of the text confirming the positive case and state the date your child became symptomatic. If you require more information, please refer to the letter sent to all parents and carers on Thursday 17th December.

I hope that you and your families have a safe and relaxing Christmas holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mr Ashburn



## ST URSULA'S VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE & NATIVITY

At the start of November, each class began preparing for our annual Christmas Carol Concert & Nativity. With so much uncertainty we wanted to ensure that we could share our Christmas celebrations with our school community. Early December, the class songs, actors and narrators were videoed and over the past two weeks these videos have been put together to create a 48 minute Christmas bonanza!

The Video can be found on the front page of our school website. We hope you enjoy it!

## Wellbeing

Sometimes the Christmas season can be overwhelming for children as well as adults. Calm is a mediation app that can support users with sleeping. They have now added a section for children which contains a library of sleep stories. The Calm Kids meditations can be found on their website or in the Calm mobile app, under the "Kids" category of the "Meditate" screen.



## Attendance

TOP FIVE

1	St Philomena's	98.53%
2	St Luke's	98.18%
3	St Helen's	98.07%
4	St Edmund's	97.89%
5	St John's	97.73%

## WELL DONE!

The results above are for the whole of Autumn Term 2. Congratulations to St Philomena's who have won the class attendance prize of £20. Children will be voting in class on how they will spend this prize money.

Non-attendance due to a bubble closure is not included in this data as children continued to learn online.

## SCHOOL INSET DAY

The school will be closed on Monday 4th January for a staff Inset day. Children will be returning to school on Tuesday 5th January.

## CHRISTMAS MASS



If you wish to attend Christmas Mass at Most Holy Redeemer or St Dominic's, you must complete the Christmas Mass Application Form that can be found in the parish newsletter.

Mass times can be found on the application form and the deadline for applications is Sunday 20th December 2020. Spaces are limited due to social distancing restrictions so be sure to complete the form.