



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a special time of the year for our community and it is important that we continue celebrate as we have always done.

Each Monday, the Gospel reading from Sunday Mass is shared with our children, during a virtual **Gospel assembly**. Children have explored the Advent wreath and two lucky children were chosen to light the Advent Wreaths in EYFS/KS1 & KS2.



Wednesday 16th December is our **Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day**. Therefore, children will be allowed to wear a Christmas Jumper and bring in a £1 donation. Please be sure that your sQuid accounts are topped-up if you wish for your child to have Christmas dinner.

In light of the current situation, we will not be able to invite parents to join us for Nativity plays and carol services in Church. Children will be recording a **Virtual Nativity & Carol Concert**. This will be available on the school website on Thursday 17th December.

Children are able to bring in **Christmas cards** each Monday and Tuesday for children and staff in their bubble. These cards will be posted in classroom post boxes and will be in quarantine until the following Friday, when they will be handed out.

Our **Christmas Raffle** is underway. To be in with a chance of winning a luxury Christmas hamper, please make a donation via our Schoolcomms system. For every 50p you donate, one raffle ticket will be put into the draw with your name on.

Our school Wellbeing team are encouraging our children to consider how they can share their gifts with others by following an **'Acts of Kindness' Advent calendar**. We would like our children to complete as many of them as they can. The advent calendar can be found on the school website in the November Wellbeing Newsletter.

This week all children were sent home with a **'travelling Nativity'**. Over the past few years, it has become a tradition to send a 'Travelling Nativity' home with some of our year groups during the period of Advent. However, in the current climate, sending the Travelling Crib home to a different family each evening is not possible. To help us remember the Christmas Story we have invited each family to join our special project called "The Virtual Travelling Nativity".

As many of our families will know, when we reach December, Father Christmas drops a delivery of **reindeer food** into school. We ask for a small donation from the children to help Rudolph and his friends enjoy a special Christmas! If you would like your child to receive our special reindeer food then please send them in with a small envelope and their donation. This will be collected in class and they will receive Santa's special delivery that they can sprinkle outside on Christmas Eve!

We have been sharing our celebration of **Christmas with others in our community**. This week, each class created Christmas card for Fr Joseph and our Year 4 pupils wrote Christmas cards for a local care home.

Mr Ashburn.

Attendance

TOP FIVE

1	St John's	100%
2	Nursery (am)	100%
3	Nursery (all day)	100%
4	St Catherine's	99.56%
5	St Luke's	99.07%

WELL DONE!

Term Dates

- 16th Dec– Christmas Jumper & Lunch day
- 17th Dec–Virtual Nativity & Carol Concert
- 21st Dec– 4th Jan Christmas Holiday
- 4th Jan–Inset day–School closed

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 the 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.