



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Phew!! We reach the end of another week and it isn't getting easier but in true St Joseph's style we are keeping calm and carrying on!!

We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 children back on 30<sup>th</sup> November after their isolation. This is such a difficult time and I would like to personally thank the staff for their hard work in teaching and supporting their children remotely and for the children who I know, are in communication with their teachers and doing their very best. They are constantly in our prayers as are the Year 6 parents who have shown wonderful understanding and support, my thanks goes out to you too. This is truly a battle that we are in together. Only one more week!

Advent begins on 29<sup>th</sup> November and as we move into December, we want to give your children as much of a special time as we can. With this in mind, I would like to update you on our 'COVID' Christmas' planning

We would like to support local families struggling this Christmas to find those special treats that make Christmas such a wonderful time so we will be collecting for the food bank. We would like donations to be brought into school between 30 Nov and 11 Dec. The list of food will be on the website under the events section and will be communicated again via the newsletter next week.

We know how much the children love to send Christmas cards. We have considered this for this year and yes your children can send cards but only to their class please. Each class will have a postbox. The cards will need to be placed into the postbox by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and then they will be distributed in the class during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December. This will ensure that they are safe to give out under current government guidelines.

On 4<sup>th</sup> December the Friends have planned a Rainbow day – your children will need to come to school dressed in a colour – each class has a colour but this is just a suggestion, any colour will be fine. They need to bring a raffle prize. Tickets will be sold from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December.

The COVID friendly Christmas Shop will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020, more details will follow.

Your children will have a Christmas Lunch – see below for the information





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## Thursday 3rd December – KS2 Christmas Lunch Day

KS1/REC Menu	KS1/REC Venue	KS2 Menu	KS2 Venue
Packed lunches provided by kitchen (please provide a packed lunch from home if you wish to)	Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot turkey baguette</li> <li>• pigs in blankets,</li> <li>• juice box,</li> <li>• packet of crisps and</li> <li>• Christmas cupcake</li> </ul> <p><i>All served in a Christmas box with a cracker &amp; Christmas serviette.</i></p>	Classrooms

Christmas music and films will be playing during the lunch followed by Christmas style party games. KS2 can wear party clothes on this day.

## Thursday 10th December – KS1 and REC Christmas Lunch Day

KS1/REC Menu	KS1/REC Venue	KS2 Menu	KS2 Venue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a sandwich (with an extra option of chicken),</li> <li>• pigs in blankets,</li> <li>• juice box,</li> <li>• packet of crisps and</li> <li>• Christmas ice-cream</li> </ul> <p><i>All served in a Christmas box with a cracker &amp; Christmas serviette.</i></p>	Hall	Packed lunches provided by home or kitchen	Classrooms

Christmas music will be playing in the hall during the lunch followed by Christmas style party games in the playground.

KS1 & REC can dress up on this day as a Christmas character or by wearing party clothes.

Huge thanks goes to Tina and the kitchen team for enabling this to happen – different yes, BUT a Christmas Celebration!!

Further reminders will be given in the newsletter but I know, as a parent, it is good to get detail into the calendar – after all it does look a little blank for us all at present.

Yours in faith and partnership

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