

Parent update Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Christmas News** - Our preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus is well underway. The school is decorated, each classroom has a crib and we are very much enjoying the holy season of Advent. A whole school liturgy for the first week of Advent took place on Monday and further liturgies on the themes of Advent will take place each Monday until we break up. On Friday's our Gift Team will be leading classroom liturgies for each year group.

The children are practicing their plays and we will send out video links to you before we break up for Christmas.

We are excited about our Santa Dash tomorrow, please send the children into school looking Christmassy with the sponsor forms and money! (Very much needed for our school fund).

The Parish Christmas Fair which was due to take place on Saturday has been cancelled. The chocolate we collected for the fair will be sent over to the parish as I believe they may decide to do some raffles or other fundraising.

We're waiting until w/c 13<sup>th</sup> December to make a decision about the school disco on the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime

School finishes at 1.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – no afterschool club

Some general reminders

**Packed lunches** If you send grapes into school, they must be sliced in half vertically for children in EYFS and KS1. Whole grapes are a well documented choking hazard as detailed here: <https://www.capt.org.uk/news/why-are-grapes-so-dangerous>

Lunches need to be nut free – we have a pupil in school who is allergic to nuts. As many of you know, accidental ingestion of nuts or nut particles can lead to anaphylactic shock, which can be fatal.

I have instructed staff to throw away any nut products or whole grapes found in children's lunches.

**Behaviour policy** – Our school policy remains the same and is available here on our website. It states that we notify parents when their child has received three

reflections. Please note, these emails are for information only. Please speak to your child to ask what has happened when they get home.

We have had an increasing number of parents who, when they receive an email, challenge the sanction or give excuses for their child's behaviour, I would ask that you refrain from doing this. It is important that children learn to accept responsibility for wrong choices that they have made. By stepping in, you remove this sense of responsibility and show a lack of support for school.

Please remember that when children tell you what has happened, it is natural that they will want to present themselves in the best light and perhaps not give you all the facts. Please trust that all our staff are fair and consistent in the implementation of our behaviour policy.

As ever, please contact us via email if you have any queries [contact@st-johnbosco.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:contact@st-johnbosco.manchester.sch.uk)

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson

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