

Parent update Friday 4th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. We've had a wonderful day, it was great to see the children in their Christmas outfits keeping fit and "dashing" round the playground!! Have a look on Twitter to see some pictures, (@St_JohnBosco_RC). Thank you for the sponsorship money that has been sent in so far; the quarantine buckets will be out again on Monday for those who are collecting their sponsorship over the weekend.

This Sunday will be the second Sunday of Advent, when the candle of peace is lit on the wreath. As you gather as a family over the weekend, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian goodness and describe their characteristics to your children.

Lalley Centre Foodbank - Thank you very much for the donations that have come into school this week. We have now received 650 donations towards our target of 1000, this is fantastic!! The boxes will be outside again for the final week.

Staffing changes - The end of the 2020 and the start of a new year is, of course, a time for new beginnings. Mrs Jeffrey has decided to take a step back from her role at St John Bosco due to family commitments, Mrs Wilkinson has taken a part time post at a new school and Mrs Topol is moving to a job outside education. After many years here, they will be missed by friends, colleagues and families within our community. We wish them the very best in their new endeavours. After Christmas, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Doyle will be responsible for Y5 and a new teacher will be joining us for Year 2.

Punctuality – A number of children are arriving late each day. Children should be ready to enter school at the following times:

Surname A-D - Office Door, Drop off 8.45am,
Surname E-L - Playground Door, Drop off 8.45am,
Surname M-O - Office Door, Drop off 8.55am,
Surname P-Z - Playground Door, Drop off 8.55 am

Nursery children may go straight to the classroom door. Surnames A-L 8.45am and Surnames M-Z 8.55am

We have a few families who may be unaware of the disruption caused by arriving late. **Please make sure your children are here and ready to learn on time.**

Christmas plans - Here is another reminder of what is planned for the children between now and the end of term....

Christmas lunch will take place on different days for each class, it will be followed by party games / disco in the hall. **The children may wear their party clothes for the**

day (but sensible shoes please). If your child is on packed lunch but would like a Christmas Dinner, please pay via SIMS pay. **Please pay any dinner money arrears before booking a Christmas dinner.**

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| Friday 4 th Dec | Santa Dash – We will be hosting a sponsored Santa Dash in school on Friday 4 th December. Christmas Fancy dress or hat and trainers. More details will be sent via email. | |
| Tues 8 th | EYFS & Y1 lunch Christmas lunch | |
| Weds 9 th | Y2 lunch | |
| Thurs 10 th | Y4 lunch | |
| Fri 11 th | Y3 lunch Christmas Jumper day - everyone | |
| Mon 14 th | Y5 lunch | |
| Tues 15 th | Y6 lunch | |
| Weds 16 th | Panto Y1, 2, 3 | A voluntary contribution of £2 per child would be very much welcomed. |
| Thursday 17 th | Panto Y4, 5, 6 | |
| Friday 18 th | Finish 1.30pm – no afterschool club. | |

Christmas Cards – If the children wish to write Christmas cards for their friends. We will put boxes at the front and back door of the school for Christmas cards (once we have finished the Lalley Centre Food bank appeal). Christmas cards need to be brought to school by Friday 11th December. These will then be quarantined – sorted – and then quarantined again ready for children to take home on the last day of the school term. School closes on **Friday 18th December at 1.30pm**

Hope you have a happy and safe weekend. See you all on Monday.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson