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**November Newsletter 2020**

Dear Parent/Carer

This term seems to be flying by and it will be Christmas before we know it! I hope you are all coping well under our current restrictions. It’s all systems go in school, getting ready for Advent and Christmas.

The feedback from parents relating to our interim reports has been extremely positive which we are delighted to hear, thank you.

In school we are still following our Covid rules and trying to keep the children’s experiences as normal as possible albeit a little different. We have a plan for December for our children to ensure they experience the fun and excitement as we prepare for Christmas.

Usually throughout the year, as a school, we fundraise to support children in our school and community to travel to Lourdes with HCPT 116 but this year that is not possible. We want to support our local community again this year by donating to local foodbanks. Some of our families continue to be supported by foodbanks and so any donations you can provide will be very gratefully received. Donations will be collected in a box in each class which will be left for 72 hours, then donated. This will run from Monday 30th November until Friday 18th December. Please do not feel that you have to donate if you are struggling, only if you can. Thank you in advance for anything you can give.

**The following is our programme for Dec:**

* Tuesday 1st Dec – Christmas tree goes up in the school – P1, as usual will help decorate.
* Friday 11th December – Christmas Lunch Day! We have also bought a virtual Panto with school funds since we cannot go to the theatre this year - “Robin Hood and his band of Socially Distanced men!” for the afternoon.
* Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day! Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper over their uniform (this is not compulsory!)

We have been working on a Nativity “It’s a baby” with our infant department (P1-P3) – this will be recorded indoors and outdoors on dry days to ensure our P1 children get to experience a Christmas Nativity. P4-P7 have also been working on some performances to surprise you for Christmas. We hope to pull this together as a Christmas Extravaganza and upload it on YouTube for you all to watch in the comfort of your home. I will let you know nearer the time how you can access it but we are hoping to have this ready for you by 18th December too.

* Monday 21st December – Christmas parties for P1-P7 (Children can come to school dressed in party clothes if you wish (this is not compulsory!) There will be a special, Virtual visitor with a message for the children too during their parties and gifts will be provided.
* Tuesday 22nd December – Virtual Christmas Mass (TBC) 10am

and **School closes** at **2.30pm**

***I will notify you of any changes if they occur as soon as possible***

As you can see we have a very full programme for December and really want to make it as special and exciting as we can for our children, especially during these difficult restrictions.

With the ever changing circumstances, if you find yourself and/or your family in difficulty, in any way, please get in touch with myself or Mrs Heaney and we will do our best to support you.

I want to thank you all for your continued support and will be in touch again before we finish for the holidays.

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Kind regards



Lara McVey

Head Teacher

