



St. Gerard's Primary School

COVID19 Coronavirus Update

Just as Winter begins on the 1st December and we are all looking forward to Christmas with our family and friends the Omicron variant arrives on the agenda; it sounds like something from a Star Wars movie! It reminds us that we are far from returning to some kind of normality. I await further information from local and national governments in relation to any further mitigations that may apply and will update you accordingly. In the meantime can I encourage all parents to wear their face masks around the school dropping off and collecting and if you need to come into the school. Internally, adults continue to wear masks as well as social distancing. Children and adults continue to wash their hands and sanitise regularly. Please continue to monitor your child/ren's health and take appropriate steps to test for Covid if they are poorly.

Christmas Joy

Sunday, the Feast of Christ The King, began our Advent season and we have plans to fully embrace this lovely time of year. Please add the following dates to your diary. There are one or two changes to information previously sent home.

Christmas Food Bank

Our Food Bank is now open and we will collect imperishable foods from now until the 17th December with collection taking place on Monday 20th December. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

P1-3 Nativity

Our Nativity will be at 11.15am on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th of December. We will put the show on Teams for parents to watch at home. While we appreciate that this is not the best format, it is the only option available to us at this time. We hope you enjoy.

St Gerard's Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 10th December. Please complete the return slip in order that the catering staff can prepare appropriately. Also on this day children should wear their Christmas Jumper to get in the festive spirit.

Christmas Parties

Monday 13th December P1 & P2 pupils
Tuesday 14th December P3 & P4 pupils
Wednesday 15th December P5 & P6 pupils
Friday 17th December P7 Party

Children should arrive in party clothes to play party games and have some fun

Carol Singing

Monday 20th December at 10am
P6 will be carol singing at Tesco
P7 will be carol singing at Hattonlea Nursing Home
Tuesday 21st December at 10am
P7 will be carol singing at Morrisons

Contact Details

Parents should not come into the school office unless instructed to. If, for any reason you need to contact the school please email or phone the school office.

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School Parent Forum

Many thanks to those parents who joined us online for our initial meeting to reestablish our Parent Council/PTA. We are planning a further meeting before Christmas and will keep you updated.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre was a great success and our children had a really special day. I hope the stories on Friday evening were full of fun. A big thank you to Mrs. Reilly and all the Primary 7 pupils for looking after our stalls ensuring all our children had a super day. We raised £1060 for our school fund. A massive thank you to Mrs. McMahon who coordinated the whole event, I am sure she fell asleep on Friday evening as soon as she arrived home; a well-deserved rest. Our raffle will be drawn and sent home with the prizewinners. If your child has won adult prizes we will contact you for an adult to collect from the school office.

P6 Coat Drive

Well done to Mrs McLoney, Mrs. Clarke and P6 pupils for coordinating our Coat Drive. The coats are outside our office area and free to come and collect. A great opportunity to get a new warm jacket for the Winter months ahead.