



# Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



## December 2018 Newsletter

### December Masses

The whole school will be attending Mass on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December for the feast of the Immaculate Conception; this will be followed by our usual coffee morning, led by P6. P6 will be singing a few Christmas songs at the coffee morning to get us all into the Christmas spirit! As always, we are looking for donations of shop bought baking/biscuits and raffle prizes. Additionally, we will be finishing our school term with a Mass on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10am. There will be no coffee morning following this Mass.



### Infant Nativity

Our Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils will be starring in 'A King is Born' on:



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm

A separate letter has been issued for this.

### Carol Concert

Our Primary 4 to Primary 7 pupils will be hosting a Christmas Carol Concert on:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

A separate letter has been issued for this.



### Christmas Lunch



Our Christmas lunch is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. A separate letter has been issued for this. Please remind your child what they have ordered for each course. We will send a reminder 'tweet' the evening before. Please also ensure your child has money on their card.

### \*\*\*Early Lunches\*\*\*

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December we will be having an early lunch of 11.30am - 12.15pm to facilitate the whole school panto trip and on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December we will be having early lunch times of 12.15pm - 1pm to accommodate our infant nativity performances. Please note, the crossing patrol person has been notified of these changes of times and will be on duty.

### Easyfundraising

Do you do Christmas shopping online? If so, collect FREE donations for Our Lady & St. Francis Primary by using the Easyfundraising site to redirect you to your favourite online retailers. Please register at:

<https://easyfundraising.org.uk/olsfparents/>

## **Christmas Party Arrangements**

Every year we are asked if children can be collected early for lunch on the afternoon of their parties. If you would like to collect your child a little earlier for lunch on party day, then children can be collected from 12.15pm (no earlier, please). Children will only be permitted to leave early if an adult is here to collect them, as the crossing patrol will be operating at normal times (12.35pm until 1.20pm).

## **Christmas Movie Day/Christmas Jumper Day/Mass**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having our annual Christmas movie day. To raise funds for those less fortunate than ourselves at Christmas, we will be charging £2 per child and all proceeds raised will go to Missio. Your child will have a choice of movie, and a letter with further details will be issued nearer the time.

## **Regent Shopping Centre Choir Competition**

Our fabulous choir have been successful in getting through to the final ten of this competition again this year. The winning choir is the choir who receives the most online votes, so please enlist all of your family and friends and get voting at: [www.theregentcentre.com](http://www.theregentcentre.com) (voting opens soon!) Our choir will perform at the Regent Shopping Centre on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 11.30am until 12pm. If you are free, come along and support us (and join in the singing!)

## **Nut Free Zone**

Just a reminder that our school and nursery are nut free zones; this includes chocolate spreads that include nuts, i.e. Nutella etc. We have children that have severe allergies to nuts therefore it is important that parents/carers are mindful of what they send into school.

## **School Uniform**

We pride ourselves on our beautiful uniforms here in OLSF. Please note that all school shoes/boots should be black, and children should wear shirts and ties every day to school with the exception of PE days. Please also note, that jewellery should be kept to an absolute minimum, and the only ear-rings that are permitted are studs (for health and safety reasons). We have noticed that an increasing amount of girls are coming to school with either nail polish or false nails on and we ask that you refrain from encouraging this for school.

## **Parking**

Parking continues to be a challenge for our school. Please park safely and carefully when dropping off or picking up your child/children from school. As you know, we are fortunate enough to be able to use both the Grotto and Holy Ghost Father's car parks for this purpose. Please also do not walk through the staff car park at any time, but instead use the designated footpath.

## **Christmas Calendar**

There are so many events happening in December that important dates are included in a separate sheet for you to pin up at home as a reminder!

## **Christmas Holidays**

Please note that school closes at 2.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December for our Christmas break and reopens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas.