



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



Final Newsletter of 2020

Primary 6

When we return in January, Primary 6 will be taught by Mrs Donnelly for the first part of the week and Miss O'Donnell at the end of the week.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket. We raised an amazing £670 for school funds and for our chosen charities. Again, we sincerely thank Wendy from our school cafeteria for donating the prizes. We also raised £140 for Missio through our Christmas Movie and Pyjama day and recently gave a cheque for £550 to Missio. We are very lucky to have such a generous community.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is now the 18th December along with Christmas Accessory Day, to allow more children to take part in the event. This is a dress down day. Monday the 21st and Tuesday 22nd will also be dress down days.

Isolation

I know how difficult it has been for some families in regards to self-isolation periods and we appreciate your understanding. Test and Protect will continue through the holidays and depending on when your child is last in school, you may be contacted over the initial holiday period to isolate for 10 days. Normally I would phone all close contacts however from 23rd December these phone calls will be made by an NLC Officer, so please be aware of calls that may come from an unrecognised mobile number.

Knitting

Mrs Taggart has been working frantically teaching and supporting the staff to knit blankets for babies in the Royal Hospital. Many members of our families have been roped in too and I was delighted to see so many grandparents and mums and dads joining in. Niamh, in Primary 7, managed to knit 2 wonderful blankets - what a talented girl! Mrs Taggart will send 20 blankets, unfortunately some might need to wait until next Christmas.

Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who handed in food for the foodbank. This will be collected on Friday 18th December by a local charity and given to those in need over the festive period.

Final Message

Our school will close at 2.30pm on Tuesday 22nd December for our Christmas break and reopens on Wednesday 6th January.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported us since our return to school in August, particularly the staff of OLSF Primary and Nursery. The staff have gone above and beyond to reassure children, provide a nurturing environment and to deliver a strong curriculum, within the given government parameters. It has not been easy, but they have done it in good spirits and have made the most of a difficult situation. Since August we have held a RSS Day with a whole school dance off, a Go Yellow Day, Outdoor PE in all weather, Hallowe'en celebrations, Pyjama Day, Christmas Panto Performance,

weekly Advent services, Christmas Lunches, crazy socks, crazy accessories, Christmas jumpers, a socially distanced slosh and delightfully decorated doors.

We couldn't do any of this without your support and commitment to the school and, let's not forget the enthusiasm from the children. They are a true credit to you and to OLSF.

Our staff sincerely wish everyone a happy Christmas and hope Santa stops at every house in Carfin on Christmas Eve. See you in 2021!

