



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



December 2022 Newsletter

Masses

Our P7 classes will join all the other P7s in the cluster to celebrate mass together at St Teresa's on Wednesday 30th November. This will mark the end of Catholic Education Week and the start of the P7 transition to Taylor High School. P7 will go to Taylor High School on Friday 2nd December for their first transition visit.

The whole school will also attend mass on Friday 2nd for First Friday Mass and the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. This mass will be at the normal time of 10 o'clock. This mass will be led by Primary 4, who will also be joined by the P4s from P3/4 to entertain us at the Coffee Morning (all welcome).

We will go to the Church to celebrate Christmas mass on 20th December and again on the last day 22nd December at 11:30am for a Carol Service.



Infant Nativity

The boys and girls in P1-3 have been busy practising the nativity 'A King is Born'. There will be 4 performances over the 7th and 8th December, to accommodate as many families as possible. You will receive a letter regarding tickets, after all allocated tickets are purchased the remainder will go on general sale on 5th December. We will send instructions on how to access these. For the evening performances, children should arrive at the school at 6pm. Doors to both performance will open 20 minutes before the show starts.

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/>



You simply download the app and register, then anytime you do any online shopping you visit the app first and click the retailer. All funds go straight to OLSF.

Christmas Lunch



Our School Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 6th December. A separate letter will be 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.

Christmas Party Arrangements

The dates for our Christmas parties are as follows. Please note these are held for each year group rather than class, so if your child is in P2/3, they will attend either the P2 or P3 party.

Nursery – 19th December

Primary 1 and 2 – 14th December

Primary 3 and 4 – 19th December

Primary 5 and 6 – 15th December

Primary 7 – 16th December



Each party will start at 1:35 pm. If you would like your child to go home for lunch they can be collected from 12:15pm and we would ask that they are back by 1:20pm. Children will only be permitted to leave early if an adult is there to collect them. Please note there is no crossing patrol at lunchtime. If your child is staying in school a staff member will help them change.

Reports

The interim reports will be issued on 15th December. Please check your child's bag for these.

Christmas raffle

We are selling 20p raffle tickets for Christmas prizes. Wendy, from our school cafeteria, has once again very kindly donated many fabulous Christmas gifts to raise funds for our school and some of our select charities. Every child will be given one free ticket and we will continue to sell tickets over the next few weeks. We will draw our raffle w/b 19th December.

Advent Services



We will hold our first Advent Service on Monday 28th November, hosted by Primary 7 in the gym hall with Father Morris blessing our wreath. The subsequent Advent Services will be held each Monday in December and will be led by Primary 6 or Primary 7.

Christmas Festive Days

Similar to last year, we would like the children to experience as much festive cheer as possible throughout Advent and so we are holding a few festive days as detailed below and hope the children will enjoy participating in them.

December 5th – Christmas Socks/Odd Socks Day. Wear your favourite Christmas socks to school or mismatch your snazziest cosy socks for the day.

December 6th – Decorate your classroom door. Prizes will be given to some of the classes.

December 9th - We will be having our annual Christmas Movie and Jumper Day. We will be charging £1 per family and all proceeds raised will go to Missio.



December 12th – Santa Dash – Wear a Santa/elf hat and run round the school.

December 13th – Pyjama Day – who doesn't love wearing their pyjamas all day?

December 19th – Christmas Accessory Day. Are you a fan of Reindeer Antlers? Do you enjoy wearing crazy feely-boppers and Santa hats? Then this is a day for you. Wear any Christmas accessory for the day and have fun.

December 22nd – Christmas Jumper Day (again – well why not?). We all love a Christmas jumper. Wear your Christmas Jumper on this day and get in the festive spirit. If you have any Christmas jumpers that are too small and would like to donate, we would be very happy to take them.

Every December we issue a date list as there is so much going on. This is attached at the back of the newsletter.

Panto – Oh yes it is!

Thank you so much to our wonderful Parent Council who have purchased a panto for us, which will be performed live in our gym hall on the 19th December. The Aladdin panto will be performed twice to accommodate all the children in the hall.

Aladdin

Regent Shopping Centre Choir Competition

Our fabulous P7 choir have recorded their song for the Regent Shopping Centre Competition. 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.musicdance.co.uk/choir (voting will open soon) Our choir will also perform at the Regent Shopping Centre (date to follow). If you are free, come along and support us (and join in the singing!)

Christmas Calendar

Mrs Cahill has been very busy putting together a school calendar which will be on sale this month. Each page features the children in the school who celebrate their birthday that month and is themed around books and authors. It would make a lovely Christmas gift for friends and family and is the perfect stocking filler.

School Uniform

We pride ourselves on our beautiful uniform here in OLSF. Please note that all school shoes/boots should be black, and children should wear their shirt and tie every day to school with the exception of PE days. Our PE uniform consists of a blue polo shirt, school jumper and dark trousers. 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).

Christmas Holidays

Please note that school closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 22nd December for our Christmas break and reopens on Monday 9th January. We wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas.



Important December Dates

28th November – Advent Services begin (held each Monday in December)

30th November – P7 to St Teresa's

2nd December – First Friday/ St Francis Xavier Mass

2nd December – P7 to Taylor High School

5th December – Christmas Socks/Odd Socks Day

6th December – School Christmas Lunch

6th December – Christmas Door Competition

7th December – Nativity Performance (1:30pm and 6:30pm)

8th December – Nativity Performance (1:30pm and 6:30pm)

9th December – Christmas Movie and Jumper Day

12th December – Santa Dash

13th December – Pyjama Day

14th December – P1 and P2 Party

15th December – P5 and P6 Party

15th December – Interim Reports issued

16th December – P7 Party

19th December - Christmas Accessory Day

19th December – Panto

19th December – P3 and P4 Party

20th December – Christmas Mass in the Church at 10 o'clock

22nd December – Christmas Jumper Day

22nd December – Carol Service in the Church at 11:30am

22nd December – School closes at 2:30pm

