

St Aidan's Primary School, L.C.S.C & Nursery Class



December 2020
School telephone number - 01698 522702



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our December newsletter. We are all very excited that Christmas time has arrived in St Aidan's and we are all looking forward to celebrating the season of Advent and Christmas with the children. Please see below for some updates and reminders for this month.

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Mrs. Clare McGeough who, in January, will take up the temporary position of Acting Principal Teacher of the L.C.S.C. Mrs. Jaconelli will be reducing her working week to 3 days and Mrs. McGeough will share this post 2 days per week. Mrs. McGeough will still continue to teach P5/6 3 days per week (Mon, Tue and Fri). I am awaiting details of a new class teacher who will teach P5/6 on the Wednesday and Thursday. Well done Mrs. McGeough!!

It is with great sadness that I announce Mrs. Claire Young will leave her post as Class Teacher on the 18th December. Mrs. Young will be taking up a full time teaching post in Orchard LCSC - I'd like to thank Mrs. Young for her many years' service to our school community. We will all wish her the very best of luck in her new post... We will miss you Mrs. Young.

Christmas Jumper Day- Friday 11th December



On Friday 11th December we will celebrate Christmas Jumper Day. Children and Staff are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers over their school uniform. Please do not go to any expense, we have lots of spare Christmas jumpers in school, if you need one. There's no cost for this event.

Christmas Gift Appeal- Friday 11th December

We are in contact with a local organisation that is collecting and distributing gifts to children and families in our local area. The Christmas Charity Appeal newsletter, which can be found on the school app, has a list of the items that we are collecting.



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Virtual Panto- Jack and the Beanstalk -Tuesday 15th December

This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are looking forward to our first ever Virtual Panto. A huge thank you to our Parent Council for organising this treat for the children. It would be nice if the children could add a little Christmas cheer to their school uniform on this day such as Christmas hairbands/tinsel etc. Children should bring in a special snack to enjoy during the performance. Please remember we are a **Nut Free School**.



Christmas Lunch- Thursday 17th December

Our Christmas lunch is on **Thursday 17th December**. A separate letter has been issued for this. Please remind your child what they have ordered for each course and also to ensure that they have money on their card (details of ipayimpact is within the General School News section on the school app). Children can also wear their Christmas Jumper on this day.



Online Christmas Market 14th-21st December

Our Christmas Fayre has gone virtual for 2020!

Our Christmas Fayre is normally one of the highlights of our Christmas celebrations here at St. Aidan's Primary School. Rather than not holding this wonderful event, we decided to go online instead. This year our special Christmas Market is coming to you from the comfort of your own home!

So put the kettle on, make yourself comfortable and browse our selection of stalls, including class crafts - made by our wonderful children - community stalls, story time with Santa and a variety of other fun stalls and activities!

All proceeds from the Christmas Market go straight to the school to fund experiences, equipment and resources for our children.

We will dispatch orders as they come in via the children.



Christmas Party Arrangements- Friday 18th December

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The school will have their Christmas Parties on the afternoon of Friday 18th December. The children will celebrate in their own class/bubble. Children should come to school in their party outfits as due to COVID restrictions we are unable to assist the children in changing.



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Christmas Cards and Gifts

We know at this time of year, the children enjoy writing out and giving out Christmas cards to friends and staff. As you know, our guidelines state that we are limiting what is going out and coming in from home. There is a cross-contamination risk in this simple act of kindness, therefore, in order to minimise this, we would ask that your child writes out only **one Christmas card** to their class, which after a period of quarantine, their class teacher can display for everyone to see.

The staff in St Aidan's would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in previous years, especially during the festive season. This year we would politely request that the only gift we receive from your family is that of a prayer for our school family. Please pray the prayer below for all families (or one of your own choosing) or light a candle for us at one of the Christmas services. However, we understand that some families would like to send in a gift or card for staff. We would never want to offend anyone by rejecting their kindness so if you wish to hand something in then, please do so, it will then be quarantined before giving it to staff.



School Closure

We close on **Tuesday 22nd December at 2.30pm** and reopen on **Wednesday 6th January 2020**.

On behalf of my staff, I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a safe and healthy 2021 for us all.

God Bless

Mrs McLean
Head Teacher



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