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Dear Parents & Carers,

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As we enter the start of Advent and the end of a second lockdown I encourage everyone to continue with the safe practices you have been keeping to: social distancing, arriving in time for the correct start and end of the day times, wearing face coverings when dropping off and collecting your children and contacting class teachers by telephoning school rather than speaking on the classroom door. We very much want you all to have a happy, healthy, safe and prayerful Christmas break and we have all worked so very hard to keep each other safe showing we can do this and still work well together as a community.

Thank you for your support in these new and challenging times.

Kind regards,

Tracy Lane

Headteacher



Communicating With School

We very much want to continue good communication between parents/carers and school. It's really important that we are aware of anything that may worry, upset or impact on your child so we can support you and your child fully.

As explained in June and on returning to school in September, please communicate with school by telephoning the school office to either leave a message for the class teacher or ask the class teacher to call you back. Your child's class teacher will call you back as soon as possible on the day. Please don't stop to talk to teachers on the classroom door in the mornings when dropping off or at the end of the day when collecting your child.

This is a government rule to keep everyone safe: the teachers need to be with the children to teach them or safely dismiss them; sensitive or confidential conversations shouldn't take place in front of other parents or pupils; other parents need to get their child into class and if a parent is talking to the class teacher this makes it difficult for them.

The large majority of parents telephone the school rather than have conversations at the classroom door and we really appreciate your understanding in this matter.

We aren't being rude or unwelcoming, we just need to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding.

CORONAVIRUS ISOLATION FOR PUPILS AND STAFF

It is inevitable that during this pandemic some children or staff will need to isolate for a period of time in order to minimise the risk of spreading the virus. During this time of isolation, when your child is at home, staff will make teaching videos and put work for your child on Seesaw. Please support them to complete this work as they have already missed so much time out of school since March. We can see the gaps in children's learning for those who haven't engaged in distance learning during this time as they are far behind those children who have been supported to access learning on Seesaw. If a member of staff has to isolate, if well enough, they will teach live lessons from home and the children will be supported in class by the rest of the teaching team. This has worked well where we have needed to do this. Please be aware that flu season has started and children and staff may become sick with illnesses other than covid and we will advise you accordingly in line with government guidelines.

OLoL CMAT Virtual Advent Liturgy – Tuesday 15th December at 7pm

The Lay Chaplains of the Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT would like to invite you to our **Virtual Advent Liturgy on Tuesday 15th December at 7pm** which will be hosted by each of the 21 schools that form our Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. To join the Liturgy follow this link shorturl.at/pzGHN or go to our Trust Chaplaincy website - Be Inspirational - where you can also find the lyrics for Advent carols during the Liturgy! <https://www.beinspirational.co.uk/ues-15th-dec-7pm-olol-advent-liturgy/>

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
2 nd Nov	INSET Monday Friday- Aspirations and Diversity Assembly led by Nottingham Trent University	Monday- INSET Tuesday- Whole School liturgy All Saints and All Souls day Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM- Theme: Encounter Christ through the Saints- St Teresa of Calcutta Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: I try to stand up for others.	Monday Gymnastics Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Football Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Football Yr 1 & 2
9 th Nov	Wednesday James McGeachie CMAT CEO visiting staff and pupils in school.	Monday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM- INDIVIDUALITY Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Encounter Christ through the Saints- class choice Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Remembrance Day Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: I try to be Just & Fair Friday- House Assembly	Monday Dance Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Art Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Lego Yr 1 & 2
16 th Nov	Friday 20th Nov National Youth Day Non Uniform Day raising funds for NDCYS RSHE Parent Consultation Opens on the school Website 17 th Nov Judaism Week Anti-Bullying Week	Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Encounter Christ through Youth Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM WORSHIP Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: I can tell you how to look after myself. Friday- Year 1 Assembly	Monday Dance Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Art Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Lego Yr 1 & 2
23 rd Nov	PFA Santa sacks go on Sale Friday: Year 3 Advent Liturgy PEACE on Seesaw	Monday- whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Encounter Christ through Youth Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM YOUTH Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: I think before I make choices that affect my health. Friday- Year 3 Advent Liturgy Hope	Monday Dance Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Art Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Lego Yr 1 & 2
30 th Nov	Friday: Year 4 Advent Liturgy HOPE on Seesaw	Monday- Whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Encounter Christ through Advent Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM HOPE Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: I can work, pray, rest & play each day. Friday- Year 4 Advent Liturgy Peace	Monday Dance Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Art Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Lego Yr 1 & 2
7 th Dec	Tuesday – flu vaccinations Friday: Year 5 Advent Liturgy JOY on Seesaw DARE Graduation Christmas Jumper Day £1 maximum donation for Save the Children please.	Monday- Whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Encounter Christ through Advent Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM PEACE Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Theme: Simple things can make us happy. Friday- Year 5 Advent Liturgy Joy	Monday Dance Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Art Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Lego Yr 1 & 2
14 th Dec	RSHE Parent Consultation closes Monday 14 th December 2020 Thursday 17 th Dec 1.20-7pm Parent/Teacher Meetings Online Friday: Year 6 Advent Liturgy LOVE on Seesaw	Monday- Whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm Tuesday- Class Liturgy - 2.40PM Encounter Christ through Advent Wednesday- Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM JOY Thursday- Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM Friday- Year 6 Advent Liturgy Love	Monday Dance Yr 1 & 2 Tuesday Art Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Thursday Gymnastics Yrs 3,4, 5 & 6 Friday Lego Yr 1 & 2

CHRISTMAS TERM HOLIDAY MONDAY 21st December– SUNDAY 3rd January

Word of the Week

Peace

God gave himself to the world, not as a powerful king but as a tiny baby. He brought a message of peace and humility to a world that needed it more than ever. Think this week about the peace in our world. Does everybody live in the peaceful communities that we do? This week let's try and remember that during Advent we are called to bring the peace of Christ to everyone we meet.

This Week's Mission has been chosen by Reception

Share the simple gift of a smile and hello with the people we may meet on our way to school, in school and on the way home.

Our Statement to Live By this Week is...

Simple things can make us happy.

Geography Learning Expert Ending

Usually we would invite you into school to join us for an 'around the world' afternoon when our children would share with you their learning this half term. Unfortunately, we aren't allowed to do this in the current pandemic.

However, we will be sharing it on Seesaw at the end of term. There will be a virtual tour around school and a family quiz prepared by our expert children. This will be put on seesaw on Thursday 17th December next week.



Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings

This term our consultation evenings will take place via Microsoft Teams. You will need to download this onto your device at home; the children have been given school email addresses for us to contact you. Please download Microsoft teams now and get used to it so that if you have any problems we can help.



Friday December 11th is Christmas Jumper Day when we will be raising funds for **Save the Children**.

Christmas Dinner

This year Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 16th December. This is always an absolutely delicious, traditional, Christmas Meal. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers again for the day.

We would like to support this charity and help to bring some joy into the hearts of children who aren't as lucky as our children. You have all already been so generous in your charitable giving this year and so this will be our last fundraiser for 2020. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper, T Shirt or Christmas Pyjamas or just decorate themselves with tinsel or other Christmas decorations.

Applying for your child's school place for Reception class for 2021

Applications to apply for a school place for Reception class in September 2021, opened on 16 November 2020 and the closing date to submit your child's application is 15 January 2021. You should apply online via the Nottingham City Admissions portal. If your child is baptised, please provide school with a completed supplementary form (available on the school website) and a copy of their baptism certificate.

We ask for a **£1 donation per family** or whatever you can afford at the current time. We know preparing for Christmas is an expensive time for families so no matter how small the donation you can make every penny will help a child somewhere. The children can wear their Christmas Jumpers/decorations again on Christmas Dinner Day with no further donation needed.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education RSHE

A reminder to all parents/carers that if you would like to view the planned RSHE Curriculum it is on the school website. The consultation with parents opened on 17th November so that you can view a sample of the materials we use, ask questions which we will endeavour to answer as fully as possible and share your opinions with us. The consultation closes on Monday 14th December 2020 if you would like to comment on the planned curriculum please complete the survey the link to this is available on the school website before this date.

Coronavirus Symptomatic Pupils

If you or your child develops coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature, a new or continuous cough, loss or change of sense of smell or taste please take the following advice.

- Symptomatic person must self-isolate for 10 days, the rest of the household must self-isolate for 14 days and can only leave the house to get tested.
- Book a test for the child/parent and please let school know the results as soon as you have them.
- If you **don't have a test**, after the 10 day period, the child can return to school if they are well **BUT** everyone else in the household can't come to school within their 14 day period.
- If the child/parent **tests negative** and are well, have no symptoms, they can stop isolating and return to school even if it is within the 10 day isolation period.
- If a person **tests positive** for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days and return to school only when they no longer have COVID-19 symptoms.
- The household should still self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person had symptoms.

Booking a Test:

Directions on how to get a home testing kit and how to register, carry out and return the kit can be found on the following sites, there are also videos on this site to show you how to carry out a test:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

or

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

or

For guidance on responding to **coronavirus in children**, please follow the link at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Instructional video for parents/carers on swabbing children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xaw8DsF2lgc>

- If parents struggle to use the internet or don't have internet access they can 119 for help in booking a test.
- Contact <https://111.nhs.uk/COVID-19> or call 111 if at any point symptoms get worse

Free School Meals

Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 automatically receive free school meals. However **all** parents can apply for free school meals at:

<https://emsonline.nottscg.gov.uk/CitizenPortalLIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortalLIVE>

or telephone 0300 500 80 80

If you are eligible, school may get additional funding to support your child.

Breakfast & After School Clubs

TB Sports provide breakfast and after school clubs in school daily. Breakfast club begins from 7.30-8.45am after which the children are taken to class.

After school clubs run from the end of the school day until 5pm.

Please book directly at:

<http://www.tbssport.uk/bookings-stpats>

Payments must be made within 7 days of booking or the booking will be cancelled.

If you have any further questions about anything in the newsletter please call school on 0115 9152961 or email the admin team on admin@st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you have a **safeguarding concern** about a child please contact Mrs Slight, Mr Slight, Mrs Lane or Miss Lane in person, by telephone or email.

Alternatively, you can call Children and Families Direct 0115 876 4800 or NSPCC [0808 800 5000](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)