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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

The Christmas countdown has started now with the lighting of the first candle on the Advent Wreath.

I attach some Advent online resources to help you celebrate this important season at home

<http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/advent.html>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar>

In school our Advent focus is 'Hope' and we have been thinking about what we hope for during Advent and Christmas, we continue to also focus on Kindness during this time.

This Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, parish mass should resume so do try to attend if you are able. Mass is streamed from almost all parishes and, as we enter the Christmas season, and perhaps more importantly than ever this year, we need to put our trust in God and spend time with him in prayer.

### **School updates**

We welcomed back most of Year 4 this week after their isolation period came to an end. Year 6 Violet class will return to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all for remaining vigilant and please remember do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms of COVID 19.

**Christmas in school will look slightly different this year: please read the following arrangements.**

### **Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This has become a festive favourite, please wear your Christmas jumper (and mufti) to support this worthy charity. Save the Children ask for a £2 donation. Please send the money in an envelope. It will be collected in classes and then quarantined and counted in the last week of term.

### **Christmas Cards**

We have thought carefully about this and have decided we can do this but a little differently. Each class will have their own Christmas postbox. Children can only send cards within their own bubble. and in order to do this as safely as possible we have been advised to ask the children not to lick the envelopes and we are going to have to quarantine them before we can give them out. In order to quarantine them we therefore ask that all Christmas Cards are posted in the class boxes by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. They will then be quarantined and handed out in the last couple of days of term.

### **Christmas Hats**

Having thought about this a little more we have decided that Christmas hats will be made in classes this year to avoid them having to come in from home. We will ensure we have plenty of pom poms, glitter and

sparkles in order to achieve this. We will make them and wear them on Christmas Dinner Day. (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December) No competition this year

### **Christmas Dinner**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Some classes will eat in the hall (socially distanced) and some will eat in their classrooms. Please pay for this on parentpay in the usual way. The children may wear their Christmas jumper again on this day – over their uniform.

### **Class parties and Pantomime**

Thanks to the PTA we will celebrate these in our bubbles (in our classrooms) in the last week of term.

### **Last Day of term**

We will finish after lunch as usual on the last day of term (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December), please note the staggered times. Please collect your child from their usual collection point.

Class	Finish time (Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> )
Red	1:15pm
Orange	1:15pm
Yellow	1:15pm
Green	1:25pm
Blue	1:25pm
Indigo	1:15pm
Amethyst	1:15pm
Violet	1:25pm

### **PE**

PE will carry on right to the end of term

There are just two changes for the last week of term (due to Christmas events in school)

**Year 2 will have PE on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December instead of Wednesday**

**Year 5 will have PE on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December instead of Wednesday**

### **PTA**

We are holding two online raffles with great prizes to be won. The draw will be Friday 18 December at 9 am and we will be handing out prizes socially distancing of course at pick up that day. Please think about how much you would usually spend at our Fayre and buy as many tickets as you possibly can to help raise money to go towards the children's class parties, gift bags, and the live streaming panto. So, go on, log on [www.raffall.com/MargaretRoper](http://www.raffall.com/MargaretRoper) and get your friends, family, colleagues, neighbours, and anyone else too! Who wouldn't want to win some cash before Christmas! 🎄🎄🎄🎄🎄🎄🎄🎄

### **Stars of the Week**

Congratulations to...

Red: Samuel & Michael

Orange: Lori & Sergio

Yellow: Arthur & Tabitha

Green: Alfie & Hector

Blue – Whole class – we love seeing them back at school and can't wait to welcome them all back

Indigo: Sofia & Raphael

Amethyst: Matilda & Ferdinand

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Violet – I am so proud of Violet class for the mature way they have handled isolation and working. We can't wait to see you back next week

**Birthdays**

Happy birthday to Mia, Victoria, Aoife and Miss Kelly who all had birthdays this week

Thank you all for your continued support, have a good weekend  
Miss Holloway