



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



4th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We mentioned to the children during assembly this morning that this Christmas would be very different for everyone this year. But as the second Sunday of Advent looms we all have to remember that one thing is still the same and that is the coming of our Lord and saviour who gives us all hope, even in the darkest of times.

Thank you to Years 4, 5 and 6 children who made Christmas cards for the elderly parishioners of St Joseph's church, who are housebound and self-isolating. I am sure they will really give some Christmas cheer to those in our community who are missing their church community.

Uniform

Thank you to all parents who have worked hard to maintain our school uniform code even when trying to add extra layers to cope with our open windows and extra ventilation.

However, can we please remind you about our current uniform code where a few items have begun to slip below our expected standards:

- Hair – please make sure that hair is tidy and that all accessories should be **gold/navy**. Obviously for Christmas Jumper day and when specifically requested by teachers, festive items can be substituted!
- Long Hair – if your child's hair is below the collar in length then it should be tied back neatly. We do have issues with nits and head-lice which are made worse if hair is not kept tidy.
- Nail Polish – Children should not have painted nails at any time in school.
- Jewellery – The only jewellery permitted in school are gold studs for earrings and a watch. No rings or bracelets should be worn.
- Shoes – please make sure your child has suitable school shoes. Apart from PE days when trainers can be worn, trainers and boots should not be worn to school as they are not included in our uniform code.
- PE Kit – Please make sure that your child has their Yellow PE shirt and blue shorts/joggers/leggings. They should wear their school jumper or cardigan as an extra layer please.

Christmas Cards

We do not want to stop children bringing in their Christmas cards for their friends but we are not doing sorting and delivery with the big post-box this year. Please can your child bring in their cards in a named bag/envelope so they can be 'quarantined' in class for 72 hours. We would be grateful if you could avoid licking the envelopes and go for the 'tuck-it-in' option!

Christmas Plays & Other Performances

While in Tier 3 we have been restricted from any form of public performance. We are currently in the process of videoing and recording performances and plays. These will all be made available on the Google classroom platform as we have done with Praise Assemblies.

PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA who continue to work hard to raise funds for our children. These funds are needed even more at the moment so we can provide those little extras that the school can't afford. Mrs Gale sent out an e mail earlier on in the week with all the exciting things that the PTFA have thought of in these difficult times.

Christmas Book Hampers



Treasured Tales have supplied us with good quality preloved books, picked with each class in mind. Along with some other festive treats it's a lovely hamper to win. Tickets are only 50p a number. All you have to do is follow the PayPal link below. Please use the right link for each class- they are age appropriate for each age group.

Every hamper has been quarantined, wrapped and stored since before half term.

Reception <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ut2EJ750y>

Year 1 - <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ut2JpMkcE>

Year 2 - <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ut2O6rzoK>

Year 3 - <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ut2O6rzoP>

Year 4 - <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ut2O6rzoP>

Year 5 - <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ut2SN6OB3>

Year 6 - <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ut2XtM3Na>

If you don't use PayPal you can 'pay as a guest' and just do a one off transaction

Safeguarding

Dr Karen Treisman, MBE, is a Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist who works across the National Health System and children's services. She has extensive experience in the areas of trauma, parenting, adversity (ACE's) and attachment.

Dr Treisman uses a range of therapeutic approaches with families, systems, and children in or on the edge of care, unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people, and adopted children. She is the author of eleven books, including the bestselling book, "The therapeutic treasure box", and four sets of therapeutic card decks.

Her website features a wide-range of resources and the section on covid, anxiety and stress is particularly valuable and can be found here: <http://www.safehandstinkingminds.co.uk/covid-anxiety-stress-resources-links/>

Also can we assure parents re the christmas plays that they will be able to watch on on line platforms we have had quite a few calls and fretting parents about how they can watch.

A Message from St Joseph's Church - CAFOD CAROL SERVICE Monday 21st December at 4pm

As we are sadly not able to meet in person to share our Carol Services this year, the parish are inviting us all to meet on Zoom to share the story of Christ's coming with scripture, Carol-singing and artwork over the

internet. In the service we will focus on one aspect of CAFOD's recent efforts and you can donate on their website if you wish. We would really love your child(ren) to be a part of this.

If Early Years and KS1 children could dress as a Nativity character and parents send in a photo to Richard – richardvpoole@hotmail.com - that would be great. If there are any KS2 children who would like to send in pictures of any part of the Nativity story (e.g. shepherds hearing of the birth of Jesus), please email Tom - tafosman@hotmail.co.uk with the photographed pic.

If you would like to be present for this service online, please email Deacon Didier to request a Zoom Invitation on didier.delaplace@cliftondiocese.com

God Bless

Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath

Isaiah 9:6: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."