



SS Peter and Paul RC Primary School

27th November 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you for your continued support. Your children continue to be a credit to you; I am very proud of their hard work and resilience.

Here is some information about Advent, Christmas and things that are happening over the next couple of weeks in school.

Mrs M Butt



ADVENT



This year Advent begins on Sunday 29th November. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means a coming or arrival. In the Church, it refers to the period encompassing the four Sundays prior to Christmas. It is a time of penance, of turning away from sin and hopeful, joyous preparation for the coming of the Savior. This is what makes Advent special for Christians: the recognition that Christmas is not just “the birthday of Jesus,” but a celebration of his coming into our world *today*, here and now. During Advent we will ‘prepare’ for Jesus’ arrival by reflecting on the themes of hope, love, joy and peace. The children will share their Advent learning and collective worship with you virtually through our school website and FaceBook page.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS – REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Every year my staff and I are overwhelmed by the generous gifts that we receive from our gorgeous children and families. This Christmas, especially in light of COVID, we are acutely aware that many families are facing difficulties and financial pressures. We therefore politely ask that you do not bring gifts in for staff. As a school we are creating a reverse advent calendar and collecting long life food and toiletries items for our school and local foodbank. A shopping trolley will be stationed on the school yard from the Monday 30th November. If you would like to donate a food item instead of a gift, this will be gratefully received.

Covid-19

Please continue to contact school if your child or family member has Covid-19 symptoms and is going for a test. If there has been a positive test in your household or the NHS ‘Track and Trace’ has contacted you, please also let us know. We need to act on this information as soon as possible.



Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 9th December

Christmas lunch will be on 9th December, if your child is usually packed lunch, please email Mrs Lee if you would like to pay for a dinner on that day. If children want to, they can wear a Christmas jumper or top, hat or hairband on Christmas lunch day. Please don't go out and buy things to wear just for this day- we can always make a Christmas hat in school.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

This will obviously be very different this year. Classrooms will have individual class parties and celebrations. Children can come to school for the whole day in party clothes. There will still be the usual games, music and party food. The price of the party will be a voluntary contribution of £1 towards the cost of the party food.

Monday 14th December - Nursery & Reception
Tuesday 15th December - Y5 & Y6
Wednesday 16th December - Y1 & Y2
Thursday 17th December - Y3 & Y4

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES AND PLAYS

All of the classes from YN- Y6 have started practising Christmas carols for our Christmas nativities and plays. Each class are taking different parts and practising in their bubbles.

This will be put together to create virtual performances which will be shared with you during the last week of term.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your generous support. We raised:

- Children in Need - £105
- Poppy Appeal - £50



BOOK AMNESTY

Can you please check at home and bring any school reading books back into school.



- School closes on Friday 18th December at 3.15pm.
- School has an additional INSET Day so school and nursery will reopen on Tuesday 5th January 2021 for the beginning of our Spring Term