

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 4

December 2020



This week we begin our Advent preparations for Christmas. Throughout Advent the children in school will have a daily "act of kindness" to complete given out by the Advent Elf. Please ask your child about the daily challenge – look out for some tidy bedrooms at home!!

This Christmas we are discouraging the sending of Christmas cards to every pupil in the class, and class lists will not be sent home. Instead, please help your child to write one card to the whole class. Staff are not sending each other cards and are instead making a donation to the SCIAF appeal this Christmas for **THE GIFT OF LIFE – CLEAN WATER!** £37 buys a Water Filter which can last up to 20 years, providing clean and safe drinking water for a family in need around the world. Why not join us and instead of buying a card for every child, hand that money in for SCIAF.

We will also be starting collections for the local foodbank which will be supported by the Bonnyrigg and Sherwood Community Trust. There will be boxes at the side gate on Rosewell Road and at the front entrance to the school. Please donate what you can.

Be sure to check the dates for all of the Christmas Activities coming up.

Mrs Liz Laird – Head Teacher

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for the class hampers and returned their ticket stubs and money to the school. If you would like more raffle tickets, please send an email to the school office and we will send them home with your child.

We could still use a few more items for the P5/6 Christmas hamper and the P2 Movie Night hamper.

Please remember to return all unsold tickets, stubs and money to the school by Friday 11th December.

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for Children In Need – we raised £83.00.

The final payment date for school milk for next term is Monday 14th December via Parent Pay. Please note, late orders will not be processed. The cost for next term is £9.52

REMINDERS

- **Please provide a healthy snack for playtime – this should only be one item. We are a nut free school so please check ingredients of cereal bars etc.**
- Water and milk are the only drinks allowed in class each day – please do not send your child in with juice in their water bottle and certainly no fizzy drinks in school.
- **Please tie back long hair for school as we have a number of cases of head lice at the moment.**
- As classes are now using the gym hall again, please provide plimsolls for use in the hall – they can stay in school – please write your child's name in each shoe.

DIARY DATES

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| TUESDAY 8 TH DECEMBER | FIRST CONFESSIONS 1.30PM |
| FRIDAY 11 TH DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – wear Christmas jumpers/hats/socks to school WHOLE SCHOOL VIRTUAL PANTOMIME – RAPUNZEL |
| MONDAY 14 TH DECEMBER | P6 AND P7 CHRISTMAS PARTY |
| TUESDAY 15 TH DECEMBER | SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NURSERY CHRISTMAS PARTIES |
| WEDNESDAY 16 TH DECEMBER | P1 AND P2 CHRISTMAS PARTIES – MORNING P3 AND P4 PARTIES – AFTERNOON |
| THURSDAY 17 TH DECEMBER | NURSERY CHRISTMAS LUNCH PRIMARY 5/6 CHRISTMAS PARTY |
| FRIDAY 18 TH DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW |
| TUESDAY 22 ND DECEMBER | SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.30PM FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY |
| 23 RD DEC – 5 TH JANUARY | SCHOOL HOLIDAY |
| WEDNESDAY 6 TH JANUARY 2020 | ALL RESUME |

**Advent is the time for
preparation and reconciliation.**



Well done to the boys and girls who have prepared so well to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent.