



St John's Catholic Primary School



School Information December 2018

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The countdown to Christmas has officially begun and this week we are looking forward to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performing their Christmas nativity. The children have asked me if they can wear a bit of tinsel in their hair, badges etc. This is fine, getting into the Christmas spirit is good fun. As long as children are still looking smart in their full uniform and then we can really go for it with our dressing up on Christmas lunch day.

We have been invited to visit the church after school this Friday 7th December, to see the crib. A group of parishioners arrange a beautiful Christmas scene each year and wondered if our families would like to visit it. Next to the crib, are little Advent booklets to take away, free for anybody who wants one.

Clubs have finished for December, except for the choir, who are busily preparing for their carol singing in the community. Mrs CG is getting the timetable ready for spring term clubs, so look out for the notices soon.

Best wishes for this Advent season and have a wonderful Christmas with your families.

Miss Teixeira



Diary Dates

4th Dec 6pm	Rec, Yr 1, Yr 2 Christmas play (Hall)
5th Dec 2pm	Rec, Yr 1, Yr 2 Christmas play (Hall)
10th—13th Dec	Book Fair
10th Dec 2pm	Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 Carol Service (Church)
11th Dec 6pm	Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 Carol Service (Church)
12th Dec	Christmas lunch (everyone is invited to wear Christmas themed clothes on this day!)
19th Dec	Year 6 lantern parade
Thurs 20th Dec	Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm
Mon 7th January	Back to school for the Spring Term

Our whole school attendance for this term so far is 95.45% Primary schools are expected to be over 96%, so even with all of the winter bugs affecting attendance we are nearly there!

The school House awarded the most dojos / house points for their excellent behaviour, work and effort last week was Portreath. Congratulations!



Our Spiritual and Religious Education

This is the season of **Advent**. During this time we will have **daily whole school liturgy and meditation**, focussing in particular on Jesse, and on Mary and Joseph's walk to Bethlehem. There will be no Mass during Advent as we concentrate on this and our Christmas preparations. A candle on our **Advent wreath** will be lit every week. The circular garland of evergreen branches represents eternity and each of the four candles represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus. In week 1 our focus will be hope, week 2 peace, week 3 joy, and week 4 love.



Online Safety

You may have heard of Twitch, an online gaming-focused live streaming service, owned by Amazon, which currently has over 15 million daily active users! It is very popular with young children and teenagers, so it is important for parents and trusted adults to be aware of the associated risks, including, but is not limited to; uncensored material, unwanted contact from strangers, online bullying, live streaming and online payments. Here are some links to guides for parents and carers:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1067809053865402373>

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1924624341177080/?type=3&theater>

Don't forget that **all clubs have now finished** for this term. A letter will be sent home in the new year about the clubs we will be offering in the Spring Term.

Congratulations to Mr Moran, who ran his first marathon, 'The Cornish', on Sunday 4th November!

School Council

Our School Council met with catering company Chartwells earlier in November, to give student views on the current menu and discuss options available for school lunches on future menus.