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A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him – Give my heart.



CHRISTMAS: I was delighted to hear the children practicing their Christmas plays this week. Children singing is one of the great Christmas gifts.



The school is looking very festive with it's Christmas lights and displays.

Thank you to the staff who all embrace this season and put every effort into ensuring the children have a lovely time.



A huge thank you to the FOTV who have supplied Christmas Crackers for lunch on the 11th, chocolate lollies for the parties and popcorn for the Pantomime, as well as ingredients for every child to make a Christmas biscuit.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: We will be happy to distribute Christmas cards to the children. We propose that cards are brought into school on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These cards will then be 'quarantined' in a box over the weekend and distributed on a Monday. The final date we can accept cards so they can be distributed before we break up is **Thursday 10th December**.



HOLY COMMUNION FOR YEAR 3: The Holy Communion classes for Year 3 will begin in January 2021. More details will be sent to the Year 3 parents before the end of this term.



COVID-19: As the rate in Greenford is still high and we have now moved into Tier 2 which is an area of high risk it is important that we continue to follow government guidance to ensure the safety of everyone around us, friends and family.

- **It is essential that all adults wear a mask when coming to the school**
- **That all adults keep a distance from each other.**

Clarification of drop off times – in recent newsletters we informed parents that the start times would return to normal and that all pupils should be in school by 8.50am. We did not make it clear that the official start time is 8.40am – 8.50am. We will endeavour to open the gate at 8.30am to reduce the queues. We apologise if there has been the very odd occasion that the gate has been opened a few minutes late. We do our best to ensure this does not happen. **Please try not to arrive at school before 8.30am to reduce the queues and enable social distancing.**

A reminder of pick up times:

Year 6 – 3.05pm
Year 5 – 3.10pm
Year 4 – 3.15pm
Year 3 – 3.20pm
Year 2 – 3.25pm
Year 1 - 3.30pm

Now that Butterflies and Bumblebees are picked up in their own playground you may pick them up between **3.15pm and 3.30pm.**

Nursery – when you are picking up siblings and up until 3.30pm.

Please try to adhere to these times. This will help to reduce the number of parents on site and allow for social distancing.

COMPLAINT: I have received a complaint from the high school because parents are allowing their children to urinate behind staff cars in the car park. This is happening before children come into school and on their way home. All children are encouraged to go to the toilet before they leave the school. If your child is desperate to use the toilet please bring them back into school, the gate is open for at least half an hour.

Please DO NOT allow your children to urinate in the car park. This can lead to bad habits. We have had cases of children urinating in the school playground because they think it is ok to do so.

PE UNIFORM: The school has a PE kit which is a plain blue tracksuit bottom and a plain blue round neck sweatshirt without a zip. This is compulsory for pupils of all ages. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE uniform.

DIARY DATES:

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper and Craft day

Wednesday 16th – Christmas Class Parties

Christmas Plays – to be sent out virtually

Pantomime – To Be Confirmed

Due to the current Tier Two status in Ealing the Cardinal Wiseman Carol Service on Monday 7th December has been cancelled.

TERM ENDS for Christmas – **Friday 18th December** – school closes at **1.30pm.** Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 5th January**

Term Dates for 2021-2022 and 2022 – 2023 have been put onto the website.

PRAISE CERTIFICATES: Each week children are awarded a Praise Certificate for a range of reasons; excellent work, making a greater effort, consistent and sustained improvement, displaying the Gospel Values of friendship, supporting and helping others, to name but a few. Congratulations to the following children who received the Praise Certificate this week.

1J – Harry and Oliver
3D – Jakub and Oliver
3W – Kuba and Oliver T
4O – Olivier and Alesha
4W – Austin and Daniel
5S – Zane and Jodi
5Y – Raeya and Hanna
6C – Natalia and Mia
6P – Paolo and Kasia

May God keep you safe in the palm of his hands!



Miss K. Coll / Headteacher

Please find below the Mass Times for Christmas

Christmas Eve Masses.

12 noon, 4pm and 6pm.

(Both the 4pm & 6pm are children's Masses with Nativity plays)

8pm, 10pm and 12 Mid-night.

Christmas Day Masses.

10am, 12 noon and 2pm.

(There will be no 8am or evening Mass)

BOOKING PLACES FOR MASSES

Due to Covid 19 we have to ask you to **pre-book places for the Masses** to ensure Social Distancing. Booking will be done **exclusively** through the Parish Office in the normal office times.

LIVE STREAMING

We will live stream the 12 noon Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and also the 4pm and 6pm Children's Masses.





The Links for both [Facebook](#) and [You Tube](#) are available on the Parish web page.





COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

A quick guide for parents/carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test results • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...if a child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours. The child should not be tested again unless they develop new symptoms*</p> <p>If the test result is positive, then see below.</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days • Other household members should not get tested unless they develop symptoms because even if they tested negative, they must still isolate for 14 days 	<p>...after 10 days has passed so long as the child is feeling better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...if the household member test is negative, and the child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days • No need for the child to get tested unless they develop symptoms 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they tested negative during the 14 days</p>