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A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Let us remember Mary this Christmas, and may God bless our Mothers.

Let us remember Joseph this Christmas, and may God bless our Fathers.

Let us remember Elizabeth and Zechariah and John this Christmas, and may God bless all our relatives.

Let us remember the shepherds this Christmas, and may God bless all those who will be working.

Let us remember the wise men this Christmas, and may God bless all those who will be travelling.

Let us remember Jesus this Christmas, and may God bless us all and make us his children.



CHRISTMAS: This has been an unprecedented year for everyone especially in education. So many of you have expressed your thanks for all that the staff are doing for the children. I would like to take this opportunity to add my thanks to all the staff for their hard work and commitment to the school and the children. Everyone; site-manager, cleaners, dinner staff and school meals supervisors, office staff, teaching assistants and teachers have all worked tirelessly through some of the most stressful months I have known in teaching, to make sure the school is a safe and happy learning environment for the children. Despite some of them missing nearly 6 months of education everyone has worked so hard to plug gaps in learning and children have made really good progress. The teachers have juggled teaching, remote learning, catch up programmes and communicating through ClassDojo to ensure that all children, at school and at home, have had access to high quality teaching.

I would like to praise the children for their resilience in returning to school and trying their hardest to catch up on their learning.

They have been fantastic whilst rehearsing and filming Christmas plays this year. It is sad that we were not able to all join in the hall but we hope you enjoy the videos. They are different but still wonderful. The staff have been very creative.

I would also like to thank parents for putting your trust in the school and for supporting us in everything we have tried to achieve this term. No-one has complained or moaned when we have asked children to isolate at home. You have accepted that the school office is closed at the moment and found other ways to communicate. You support your children's learning and have followed government guidance to ensure the whole community is safe.

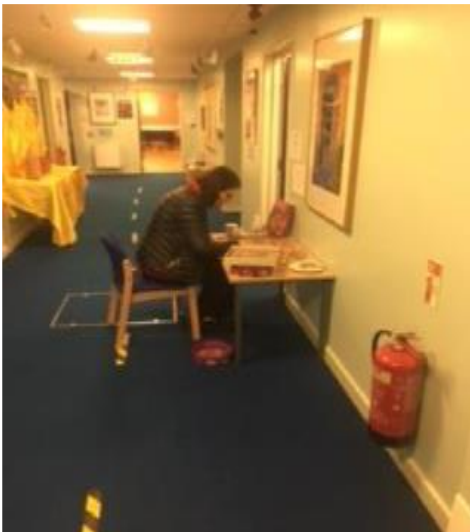
I would like to extend my prayers to you for a healthy and peaceful Christmas filled with the love and joy of the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ. I hope you are able to spend time with your loved ones and experience the excitement of Christmas through your children.

CHRISTMAS CHEER: Thank you to everyone for your generosity again this Christmas. We have been overwhelmed by the gifts and cards with messages of thanks. Your appreciation of what we do helps us to get through the tough times.

CONTACT TRACING: A reminder that the school will be supporting test and trace up until Christmas Eve. We have a duty to notify any close contacts within school to limit the spread of the Coronavirus. Therefore if your child was in school on Thursday or Friday and develops symptoms on Saturday or Sunday and then has a positive test you are required to email the school on admin@olovrc.com so that we can make the necessary arrangements. The last day for test and trace will be Thursday 24th December between 9am and 10am.



We have been having great fun trying to complete a 500 piece puzzle of the nativity. Groups of children have been stopping by my office to help finish it before the end of school tomorrow. I even spent a few relaxing minutes before school trying to match the pieces.



CHRISTMAS FUN: The children have had a lovely week leading up to Christmas. On Tuesday we had our online pantomime with our very own star from year 3. Well done.



I featured as a biscuit thief. I was framed! 😊



The children all enjoyed the popcorn and chocolate lollies that were kindly donated by the FOTV. It was like being at the theatre. **THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

School closes at 1.30pm. Children are to be picked up between 1.15pm and 1.30pm.

Due to lunchtimes the finish times will start with the younger children and work upwards:

Reception and Year 1 – 1.15pm

Year 2 – 1.20pm

Year 3 and 4 – 1.25pm

Year 5 and 6 – 1.30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: There is no after school club on the last day of term.

Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**

NEXT TERM: We are going to change the order in which we send the children home from next term. Now that we all know the systems we feel we can transition without any problems. From Tuesday 5th January the pick up times will be as follows;

3.10pm Year 1 and Year 2

3.15pm – Reception and Year 3

3.20pm – Year 4

3.25pm – Year 5

3.30pm - Year 6

We will still endeavour to send siblings home together. The older children will be sent out to wait with the younger children. If you have a child in year 6 that needs to go home with a younger sibling please email the school office on Monday 4th January so that we can arrange this. We would like to maximise the learning time for the older children and would like to keep all of year 6, where possible, in class until the end of the day.

NURSERY AND RECEPTION

APPLICATIONS: There is still time to apply to the school for a place in our Nursery and Reception classes. Please check the website to find out more about the school. We have put together a short information PowerPoint for any one new to the school. Please note we have offered outside our catchment area in the last two years.

Closing date is January 15th 2021.

Online-Safety: A message to pupils:

Enjoy all your presents but keep safe this Christmas. Use technology sensibly and tell your parents if you see or hear anything that concerns you.



SPORTS AWARDS: It is great that, even in these difficult times the children have been able to participate in sports competitions.

The following children completed a 2.6 mile runs for the Virtual London Mini Marathon.

Connie 5S
Holly 6P
Emilia 6P
Maja 6P
Arielle 6P
Chinwendu 6C
Sara 5Y
Nathan 6C
Olaf 5Y
Filip 5S
Heniston 5S
Daniel 5S
Filip 5Y
Maksymilian 5S
Kevin 5S

The fastest girl was Connie 5S and the fastest boy was Nathan 6C. It was an amazing achievement for all of them.

Mini Youths games t-shirts are awarded for results in the Virtual Challenge Competitions:

Hockey Skills: Joshua 6C and Maja 6P

Football Skills: Chinwendu 6C and Emilia 6P

Borough Cross Country: Nathan 6C, Holly 6P and Connie 5S

Biathlon: Thomas 6C and Jude 6P

We took 2nd place in the virtual football skills challenge and 3rd place in virtual hockey skills challenge for which received trophies. Well done everyone.

Go team Visitation!

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.

1B – Olivia and Selena

1J – Arthur and Julia

2C – Natalia and Milosz

2V – Benas and Rachel

3D – Liliana and Samuel

3W – Zach and Nijole

4O – Chloe and Eloise

4W – Victor and Erica

5S – Maksymilian and Zuzanna

5Y – Tia-Hope and Sally

6C – Vinojen and Klaudia R

6P – Kasia and Maja

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



Miss K. Coll / Headteacher

100% ATTENDANCE: Well done to the following children for achieving 100% attendance for the Autumn Term.

NURSERY - Javier, Tahlia, Fintan, Cian, Josephine, Damian

BUTTERFLIES - Daniel, Keegan, Chimdindu, Macario, Aine, Maximilian, Adam, Noa Brigid

BUMBLEBEES - Anthony, Sienna, Riley, Ethel, Maya, Natalia, Angelika, Anjlana, Blazej, Philip, Ayden, Jayden

1B - Duke, Milan, Olivia, Harvey, Mia, Borys, Lili, Gabriele, Alicia, Cian, Aleksandra, Zhayne, Lucas, Mollie

1J - Luca, Orlando, Marco, Amelia, Kaya, Julia, Maya, Olivia, Nicole

2C - Lewis, Katie, Liana, Matteo, Lucas, Alan, Keegan, Reuben, Lourd, Adrian, Alex, Harish, Sara, Micaiah, David

2V - David, Willow, Joshua, Olutoye, Frances, Rachel, Keelan, Sasha, Benas, Venushan, Lilianna

3D - Liam, Nancy, Emmanuel, Zofia, Liliana, Patrick, Bernadette, Oliver, Edessa, Nicola, Alexander, Maya, Adam

3W - Tiago, Krisban, Sethika, Nijole, Amelie, Emilia, Jewel, Lena, Szymon, Gabriel, Benjamin, Zachary, Sienna, Filip, Oliver, Karol

4W – Erika, Emily, Michael, Derishton, Golden, Marcus, Holly, Sebastian, Advik, Victor, Adam, Sophie, Zuzanna, Amelia, Kassandra

4O – Alicia, Aoife, Natalia, Theo, Eloise, Emilia, Maksym, Charles, Jakub, Olivier, Patrycja

5Y – Divine, Shiloh, Hanna, Kimberley, Joysshan, Antonina, Joanna, Max, Sara, Patryk, Jonatan, Maja

5S – Sanuthi, Shannon, Benjamin, Heniston, Maksymilian, Audrey, Zoe, Joanne, Monika, Dominik, Desirae

6C – Kingsley, Chinwendu, Sophia, Alex, Magdalena, Klaudia, Mia, Jakub, Nathan, Filip, Mikolaj

6P – Maja, Carla, Arielle Peter, Sofian, Pawel, Kacper, Holly, Katarzyna, Olivia, Hanna, Dwayne Nathan, Lenisha

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.







Please note that most Masses are now fully booked



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>