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Christmas 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sharing our plans for our school Christmas celebrations and arrangements with you. We are *really* looking forward to giving our children the best time possible at the end of this term.

Advent assemblies and services

We are looking forward to holding some special Advent services and assemblies across the week beginning 29th November - to mark the beginning of the holy season of Advent. The school community will come together to light the candles on our school Advent wreath and consider how the weeks leading up to Christmas help us to prepare for the gift of God's love to the entire world, through the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Christmas decoration craft day (Year 1 - Year 6) – FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Each class in Years 1-6 will hold a Christmas decoration craft day on Friday 3rd December.

We are asking that **pupils in Years 1-6 to come to school in old clothes (non-uniform) on this day** – pupils may get a little messy with glue or paint, so, old clothing is best.

Please remember the need for pupils to be dressed warmly and appropriately for the playground also. Nursery and Reception Class will also enjoy opportunities to make Christmas decorations in class – this will take place within their classroom provision across the school week, rather than be limited to this one day.

Christmas Nativities (Reception - Year 6)

Christmas Nativities are always the high point of any academic year in a Catholic school. We are busily preparing for a Reception Class, Key Stage 1, *Lower* Key Stage 2 Nativity and *Upper* Key Stage 2 Nativity! I am very grateful for the commitment of our class teachers across the school in their work on each of our Christmas Nativities.

Please carefully read the letter sent out separately earlier this week and follow the necessary steps to secure a ticket. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to admit anyone without a ticket. **The strict deadline for booking a ticket is 3rd December.** Parents/carers will be advised if there is any further availability after this date and further bookings will be taken if possible.

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Christmas Celebration Day (Nursery - Year 6) – THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER

Across the whole school day, on Thursday 16th December, we will celebrate the season of Christmas, as follows:

A special Christmas lunch will be served. Please find our Christmas Lunch menu below:



Our Christmas Lunch is always a fun event, in which pupils come together to enjoy a special festive meal. On the day, our school dining hall will be especially decorated to add to the excitement! Christmas lunches will come with some additional treats, including sweets and a Christmas cracker. Nursery pupils who attend all day can also avail of this lunch. The cost of a school Christmas Lunch remains at our normal cost of £2.30. Costs of additional treats will be subsidised by the school. All Christmas lunches will need to be booked by Monday 6th December please, via your child's *SchoolMoney* account.

Children will also take part in **a range of Christmas activities/games in their classroom** across our Christmas Celebration day.

Children can wear Christmas Jumpers / Christmas Outfits to school - also on 16th December. This will be to raise funds to support one of the school's charities - CAFOD World Gifts – [click here for details](#). We would be grateful to receive a £1.00 donation for this worthy cause – your £1.00 donation should also be paid via *School Money*.

We hope that these events will ensure all of the children enjoy their Christmas in school and end the term with well-deserved festive fun and experiences.

As ever, thank you for your on-going support.

Warm regards,

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