



St. Paul's Newsletter

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Latest Local Covid data

We review our risk assessment arrangements regularly (every 2 weeks) and continue to make judgements about how we operate as safely as possible. We continue to have cases of Covid in school but now in such small numbers that we are not at risk of meeting threshold at the moment. I would like to thank you for your support and consideration of others on the playground. By wearing masks. We are making adjustments to how we can continue to keep things as normal for the children.

Flu Immunisations

Our flu immunisation clinic is due to go ahead as planned on **Friday 3rd December**. Consent form will be sent out as soon as we receive them. All children who have returned a form and who are present on the day will receive the immunisation. I am aware some of you have already organised this locally with GPs etc.

A Message from Governors

**Governors:
Strengthening the School**
This is a new section to share what the governors are doing to improve the school and support the Mrs Sewell and the leadership team.

In our last meeting held on November 11th, we reviewed the annual budget, which has been managed excellently by the team. We've actually ended up surplus funds which we'll plan to spend

this year! One of the key things we also discussed was how the school can better support the children most effected by Covid, in particularly some of the younger children in the school. We agreed that we would use the extra money left over in the budget to fund this. We'll update you when this has been allocated.

Finally, we also approved the go ahead for the Year 6 camping trip... so keep a look out for that!

We'll keep you updated.

Our next meeting is in January, but you can reach out to the governing team who are a mix of parents and other professionals any time through Carol Lawler, the Chair of Governors.

Please send any correspondence via the school office.

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All things Christmas....the show must go on!



There are still many restrictions and guidelines we must operate under, we are constantly trying to work out how to make the things safe and enjoyable for all.

Nativity Performances

Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 will each (and separately) produce a simple re-telling of the traditional Christmas story.

The performances will be Live in the Hall at 2pm on the following days: Year 1

Wednesday 1st December

Year 2: Thursday 2nd December.

Audiences will be restricted to 3 per family only.

KS2 Carol Service

As it stands we plan to be able to gather for our Key Stage Carol service in the church on Thursday 16th December at 6pm.

As I am sure you'll understand all these events

are subject to change and we keep our contingency plans in mind.



Christmas Fundraising

Christmas Shopping Morning

By far one of the most popular events of the year! We have had to make some adaptations in order to be able to hold a version of the event that will meet with current safety arrangements, but know that the experience for the children will be very enjoyable based on last year's success. For those of you who have not experienced a shopping morning yet, the idea is that the children can buy a surprise gift for family members.

What you need to know about Christmas

Shopping 2021:

- Friday 10th December
- Gift prices are 50p, £1.00 and £1.50
- Maximum spend £5 per child
- Maximum 5 gifts
- NO cash on the day, pre-paid via School Gateway. Children will then be issued with a "credit card" so their purchases can be tracked *
- Please provide **5 gift bags with labels** (as we won't be able to wrap everything this year)

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Again a 2021 version of our popular and successful fundraising raffle. We will not be handling cash or actual physical tickets.

Instead you will be able to buy "tickets" via the School Gateway payment system. For each 50p you donate, you will be entered into the draw for a hamper. For example, donate £2.50, receive 5 entries.

You can donate on behalf of family and friends and leave a note as for who they are for and we will organise the tickets. Just email admin@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk to let us know what names you want on the tickets.

A live draw will be broadcast on Friday 10th December, which you will be invited to watch via Zoom. Then we will contact the lucky winners to arrange a safe collection of the hamper from school.

* A more detailed letter explaining the Gateway Payments will come out next week.

Hamper Raffle Donations

We will be asking each year group to donate a different item to support the hampers.

There will be a mufti (non-uniform) day on **Friday 26th November** in exchange for an item on the list below:

Reception Class: Christmas cakes

Year 1: Mince Pies

Year 2: Savoury snacks

Year 3: Christmas puddings

Year 4: Toiletries/smellies

Year 5: Soft/fizzy drinks

Year 6: Alcoholic drinks

Please check that the items will be in date at the time of the draw and beyond if possible.

Items should be brought in on the morning

of the non-uniform day and delivered directly to the classroom door. Please take care with any glass bottles.



The draw will take place at 6.30pm on Friday 10th December via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82794155940?pwd=eWo4cXEzdTBhd3dsWW1KcXZQK2lwZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 9415 5940

Passcode: VzGs89

Carols in Kingsgate Park

We are busy making outdoor decorations to help decorate the trees in Kingsgate Park. There is going to be a "Carols around the tree" event on Friday 3rd December 6pm-7pm.

You are welcome to attend the event, it promises to be a fun, festive event.

Purple Advent Bags

From next week children will start to bring home our Advent Prayer bags. They contain all they need to set up a simple reflection at home. Pairs of children will take turns to bring the resources home and contribute to the class prayer book. All the instructions are inside the bag.

Tree of Light Campaign

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer about the Tree of Light Campaign by the Yate and District Rotary Club. Once again, the very large tree at the eastern entrance to Yate Shopping Centre, will be lit up with hundreds of lights during the Christmas season! You can sponsor a light on the tree in memory of or celebration of a person or event.

Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

November

Friday 26th: Mufti day for hampers
Yr 5 Class Assembly 3pm in the hall

December

Friday 3rd: Flu Immunisation day Yr R-Yr 6
Dog's Trust day workshops

Tuesday 7th: Dog's Trust day workshops

Friday 10th: Christmas Shopping morning
Hamper live draw 6.30pm

Thursday 16th: School Christmas Dinner Day
KS2 Carol Service 6.00pm

Friday 17th: End of Term

January

Tuesday 4th: Term 3 starts– INSET Day, **no school for children**

Tuesday 11th: MandM Productions: Cinderella

Friday 15th: Deadline for Reception 2021 applications

Other important dates for the year ahead:

INSET Days (staff training, no school for children)

Thursday 2nd September

Friday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 25th April 2022

Friday 1st July 2022