



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

On Monday, Year 4 finished making their lanterns for the Bedminster Winter Lantern Parade which will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022. They look amazing. Please put the date in your diary to join us.

On Tuesday, the children came dressed in blue to celebrate St Andrew's Day. Thank you to all those parents who donated money to CAFOD.

On Thursday, we had a special visitor to school. The Mayor, Marvin Rees, came to school and led an Assembly, where he talked about how our children can all aspire to be whatever they want. It was a very inspirational Assembly and many of the Y5 class who were in the audience are planning a future in politics. Mayor Marvin was particularly impressed with how politically progressive the children's views and ideas are in school. There are photos on the school website for you to see.

This morning, Year 1 presented their class Assembly on their learning for the term which was livestreamed to their parents and all the other classes. They were so excited and enthusiastic. They taught us all many facts about the continents and the oceans of the world.

Also, this morning, the ECO warriors visited the North Street Community Garden with Mr Toogood and Mrs Edwards. They came back with lots of inspiration for our school environment. We are trying to build a bug hotel in the KS1 playground to attract insects etc. If you have any suitable materials that could be used, please send them in to Mr Toogood. Thanks.

### **Coronavirus Update:**

This week, we are starting to see case numbers settle a little.

Thank you to all parents who have supported us by keeping their children at home if they are unwell and taking them for a Covid PCR test to check for the virus. We have had no confirmed positive cases for a couple of days now and no more in our Year 3 class which was badly affected last week.



The current extra precautions we have in place are likely to continue to the end of term. Governors met yesterday to discuss the plans for Christmas performances, and they have agreed that the risk of transmitting the virus to families just before the Christmas holiday by allowing a live audience to attend the various performances was not appropriate at this time.

Please remember that the symptoms of the new variant and the positive cases we have had in school are different from the original ones. The most common symptoms we have seen in school in the past 2 weeks are headaches, sore throats, tiredness, vomiting and eye strain. If your child has any of these symptoms, please treat it as suspected Coronavirus and get them tested.

### **Christmas activities:**

All the Christmas performances will be recorded and the recordings put on the website for you to see. The children are doing a great job practising and they will be a lovely treat for you to watch with your child at home.

### **Talent show:**

This year's talent show will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The performance will be livestreamed and all class teachers will post the link on their class dojo or tapestry. All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and bring in a donation to CAFOD.

### **Donations needed, if possible:**

The Creary family have set up a Go Fund Me page to help with funeral costs for Dontae's funeral. If you are able to make a donation to help the family at this very difficult and sad time, please follow the link below or send in a cash donation to the Office:

<https://gofund.me/ff175b85>

### **Advent:**

Please continue to send in any spare change you have for CAFOD during Advent.

### **Nut free school:**

Please remember that we have a number of children with nut allergies: some airborne. This means that we need to insist that all products sent into schools are nut free. There are some food items you would not think contained nuts so please can all parents check labelling when making packed lunches.



**Finally:**

Please spend some time as a family thinking about how to truly prepare for Christmas this week. Fr Rupert has suggested spending time as a family reading the Mass readings together.

Here is the link to the Sunday Mass readings:

<https://universalis.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyjm6VpNaNA>

Mrs Kingston.

**Important Dates:**

Date	Event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception visit to Post office
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime for children AM
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day Talent show AM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term assembly AM
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term

Date	Event
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Term 3

