

10th December 2021

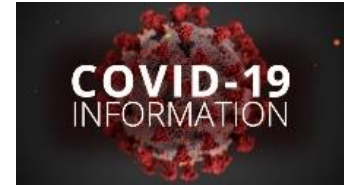


Pantomime

We have had a wonderful afternoon at the Pantomime. The children have really enjoyed the excitement of the performance and have done our school proud. We hope that they all have many stories to tell you and relay their favorite parts, this weekend. Thank you to Miss McLeod and Mr Botham for both being good sports and allowing the cast members to pick them out of the crowd to have a little bit of fun with. Also a massive THANK YOU to Mrs Broad for arranging this visit, there was a lot of hard work behind the scenes so that all children were able to enjoy the afternoon. Same time next year please Mrs Broad!

Covid Updates

With the increasing numbers of Covid cases and the new Omicron variant we are continually monitoring the latest government guidance and making the necessary adjustments to play our part in keeping everyone safe.



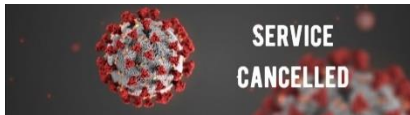
To keep our staff, pupils, parents and visitors as safe as possible in the coming weeks, the Trust have stated that the following measures must be implemented in school;

- Staff will be asked to wear face coverings in communal places around the school.
- All visitors to our school will be asked to wear face coverings.
- We recommend that parents wear face coverings when dropping off in the mornings and picking up at the end of the day.

As a community we will do our best to support any families who find themselves struggling with guidance and the law. Please use the following link to find out further information or speak to a member of the school staff if you are unsure of anything, and we will try to point you in the right direction if we are unable to support directly.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Please, if your child has any symptoms of Covid, get them tested through a PCR and keep them off school until you receive a negative result. This request has also been made to all staff.



Nativity Performance and Church Service – Now online

It is with a heavy heart that we have to announce that we are no longer permitted to allow parents and carers to watch any performances that we will be holding in school/church. You will hopefully have all received a letter with information we have received directly from the Trust - "Whilst the government has said that nativities should go ahead, this is still a matter for risk assessment. With this in mind, we feel that schools should now move to online rather than in-person performances. We appreciate that this may be a disappointment for some and very short notice but, unfortunately, Covid is fast-moving and we need to continually reassess the risk for the staff, children and visitors and adjust our control measures accordingly". – We are extremely disappointed with this outcome, it is not something any of the staff at St Joseph's wanted to happen, but unfortunately, we have to do our best to keep the whole of the St Joseph's Community Safe. We would not want to put anyone at risk of missing a further Christmas with their families this year.

All parents will be notified when performances have been recorded and how you can view these via a private, unlisted secure link.

Alternative Performances

Providing that the weather is kind to us next week, we will put on the following alternative Performance:

Monday 13th December – KS2 Carols in the playground at 3pm

Tuesday 14th December – KS1 Performance in the playground at 3pm

AMENDED DATE: Wednesday 15th December – EYFS Performance in the playground at 3pm



Providing that there is no rain on the day the performances will go ahead, so please come wrapped up and enjoy what your children have practiced so hard to show you.

Christmas Disco's – Thursday 16th December

As children and staff will remain in their school bubbles, we are still able to invite Dj Gaz into school on the evening of the 16th to deliver a fantastic, fun filled Christmas party for all of our children and we are hoping that a snow machine will be available also to get us all in a festive mood. The charge for the Disco is £2 per child, which is to be paid through ParentMail. Drop off and collection for both discos will be in the KS2 playground.



F1, F2, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their disco at 5.30pm – 6.30pm
(any children in wrap around care, can bring a change of clothes and go straight to their party)

Years 3 – 6 will have their disco at 6.45pm -7.45pm.

Raffle Tickets: Our Christmas Hampers are ready. The draw will be held next Friday, tickets available all next week- £1 per ticket, send money in envelope to your child's class teacher.

CANCELLED!!

Sports Club/STEM/Band Cancelled until after Christmas

Next week we will only be offering the Wrap Around Club provision. Band, Sports Club and STEM will all recommence after the Christmas break – Please keep a look out for further information in the New Year.

Inset Day Tuesday 4th January 2022

School will be closed on **Tuesday 4th January 2022** for Staff Training.

Our Wrap Around Care staff will be running a holiday club on this day. For parents who would like to send your child for the day, you need to book and pay £12.50 through ParentMail. The kitchen is unfortunately closed on this day, so all children will need to bring a packed lunch with him. Snacks and drinks will be available.



Autumn 2 Attendance Awards

This terms attendance awards will be drawn again next week. As a reminder at the end of every Half Term, all children who have achieved 100% attendance, will have their name placed in a prize draw to win a Smyth's Toys Gift Voucher. We understand that there may be occasions where our pupils, are genuinely not well enough to attend school, this is way our rewards this year will be awarded on the attendance of our pupils for the previous half term only. This gives our children 6 opportunities to be entered into a prize draw. We know that with Covid-19 there are still periods where isolation is a requirement. We have therefore decided to not take into account any Covid related absences when calculating children's attendance for the purpose of these prize drawers. Good Luck to all children who will be included in the drawer.



Key Dates

Below are reminders of those key dates for the next few weeks with any new dates or any amended dates reflected.

13th December – Carol Service in Church (F2 – Year 6) **No Parents/Visitors permitted**

13th December – KS2 Carols in the playground at 3pm

14th December – Year 1 and 2 Nativity **No Parents/Visitors permitted**

14th December – KS1 Performance in the playground at 3pm

16th December – F1 and F2 Nativity **No Parents/Visitors permitted**

AMENDED DATE: Wednesday 15th December – EYFS Performance in the playground at 3pm

16th December – Christmas Disco's

17th December - Christmas Celebration Day – Non Uniform

4th January – Inset Day – Wrap Around Holiday Club Available





Congratulations to all of our pupils who have made our celebration page this week. If there is anything you think your child deserves a special mention for, for the things they do outside of school please email office@st-joseph-pri.notts.sch as we would love to include them on this page.



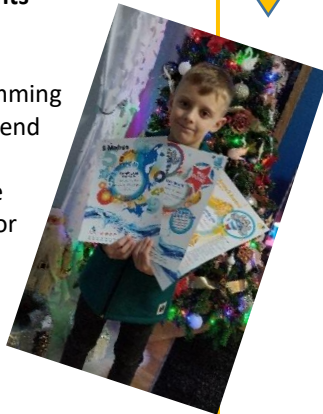
Mrs Bracegirdle's Star
Noah P-C (4) for being very helpful

Midday Supervisor Stars
Hannah P(2), Oliwia N(2), Lola P-M (2), Robyn C(2), Elee M (2), Nicole G (2) for sitting beautifully at their table and great manners.
Kennedy B (5) for helping to tidy away the equipment

Mrs Broad's Special Mentions
Isla W (F2) for her beautiful manners at the dinner table

Outside Achievements

Dominic V would like to share his achievement. Dominic started swimming lessons in September and this weekend was awarded with 4 badges and certificates. The most important are "I can swim " and his "5m " award for swimming 5 meters without armbands. Your parents are super proud Dominic! Well Done!!



Ellie has this week been awarded her level 6 at Gymnastics. Congratulations Ellie!!

Wrap Around Care

A BIG Thank you to our Wrap Around Club who hosted a Movie Night this week. All of the children had a wonderful time watching the Grinch whilst enjoying some lovely treats.



Wrap Around will be hosting an exciting Inset Club on Tuesday 4th January. If you would like your child to attend, please book and pay through Parentmail. A payment of £12.50 is required, packed lunches will need to be provided from home, but drinks and snacks will be available.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 who receive the achievement for the highest attendance for last week, Well Done!!!



Year 6

F1	93.7%
F2	89.1%
C1	96.7%
C2	94.7%
C3	97.3%
C4	93.3%
C5	89.7%
C6	97.4%
Overall	94.0%

Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

F1	Emily W
F2	Noah B
C1	Oliver K
C2	Violet P-C
C3	Samuel Z
C4	Bobby C
C5	Jakub O
C6	Mia W

