

3rd December 2021

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Covid Restrictions

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. Restrictions for individual events is detailed with the event details in the newsletter. The law now states that masks be worn in shops and on public transport, as a school we have also made the decision to ask that all parents and visitors on site wear a mask. You now start to see staff wearing masks in the playground at the start and end of the day. In the office, we have the window and the distance between yourself and a staff member, but please ask if you would feel safer for staff to also put a mask on and we would be happy to do this.



Another change is with regards to people coming into the UK and the need for a PCR test. If you are planning on going abroad to either visit family or take an unauthorised holiday, please note that your child/ren will not be allowed back into school until a negative PCR result has been received or the relevant isolation period completed. The other change we need to be aware of is with regards to the Omicron variant. Regardless of age or vaccination status, any person who has come into contact with an individual who may have been infected with the Omicron variant will need to self-isolate. This is law.

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.

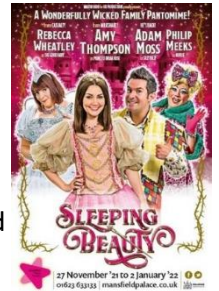


Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 8th December

Our school Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 8th December – Thank you to everyone who has pre-ordered your child's meal. Plenty of Turkey and Quorn has been ordered so if you would still like your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please let your child's class teacher know on the day. Children can wear Christmas accessories such as hats and boppers to their lunch.

Pantomime – Friday 10th December

Our school visit to the Pantomime will take place next Friday, we hope all children are very much looking forward to the exciting visit. As it is also Christmas Jumper day, we invite all children to wear their Christmas Jumpers on the day. For children who are not going to the Pantomime, as it is still a school educational day provision is in place for your child to remain in school and be collected at the normal time of 3.30pm



Christmas Movie Night – Tuesday 7th December

Our Wrap Around Club will be hosting a film night and would like to invite all children to attend. They will be watching the Grinch whilst Hot Dogs, Popcorn and other treats are served. There is a charge of £6 for this which needs to be paid on ParentMail by Monday 6th December. All children attending the movie night must be collected by 5.30pm.

Nativity Tickets for in School Performances – 14th and 16th December

As we were unable to allow parents to watch performances last year, we do not want to disappoint again. Therefore, we are inviting parents to watch their child's performances this year, but with restrictions in place. All parents will be issued ticket. You will be issued two tickets, per child, per performance. If the tickets are not used, please do not pass these to other parents, as we are trying to limit the number of household bubbles in school to keep our staff, yourselves and your children safe. We would also like to request that masks are worn when in school, and if possible negative LFT's taken prior to attendance.





Carol Service in Church – Monday 13th December

The church have restrictions in place which we must adhere to, therefore, we are only able to issue one ticket per family for this performance. We would love to offer more, but unfortunately, we must following the church rules. The church require masks to be worn, unless exempt. They are also asking if negative LFT's can be taken prior to attending the performances. Please can we ask you to respect their wishes.

Christmas Disco's – Thursday 16th December

Dj Gaz will be in school on the evening of the 16th delivering 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 will be £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.



Sports Club Cancelled

Thursday nights after school sports club has now finished for this term. We will look at setting up a new club after Christmas when the nights start to get lighter and evenings warmer again.

Nativity Decoration

This year there will be no travelling Nativity for your child to bring home and share the story of Christmas with you. We have instead providing each child with their very own Nativity tree ornament for you to keep. Please encourage your child to share the story of the very first Christmas with you.



Broadleaves

Some of our children will be visiting Broadleaves, the new local elderly community development, to sing Christmas songs and spread cheer in the community.

Dogs

Can we please remind parents to not bring dogs on to the school grounds and keep away from the school gates at drop off and collection times. This is to keep all of our children and families safe.



Key Dates

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

- 7th December – Christmas Movie Night
- 8th December – Christmas Dinner Day
- 10th December – Years 3 & 4 Mass
- 10th December – Pantomime Visit
- 13th December – Carol Service in Church (F2 – Year 6)
- 14th December – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
- 16th December – F1 and F2 Nativity
- 16th December – Christmas Disco's
- 17th December - Christmas Celebration Day – Non Uniform





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
Alfie Junior H (5) for being a wonderful role model to the younger children and for his great kindness

Midday Supervisor Stars
Lots of shout out from the Midday's this week, but we'll with a big THANK YOU to all children for making Mrs Carr and Mrs Spate welcome.
Alfie B (6), Hannah P(2), Riley D (3), Skyler D (4), Elliot L (5), Mikolaj P (4)

Mrs Broad's Special Mentions
William M (1) and his Family for their generosity towards school over the last few weeks. Thank you



Outside Achievements

Well done to Michael-Thomas, who this week has been awarded his first swimming badge. Keep Going!

Congratulations to Oliver H who won student of the week trophy at Judo for working very hard on learning his half sacrifices. Well Done!



Congratulations to Quinn B who is now an official Cub!!

A round of applause also for Romie C for achieving student of the month at his Boxing Club for his work ethic and attitude. Well Done!



Wrap Around Care

Mrs Connington would like to welcome all the new children who have joined her at breakfast club this week, you have all settled into the routine well. *Evie B (3) and Elsie B (4)* have also done some wonderful reading at Breakfast Club.

Our children at afterschool club have been getting involved with Christmas activities, writing their letters to Santa and showing their commitment to their school work by completing their homework with the help of Wrap Around Care staff. All children are welcome to join the afterschool club. Please register at the office and book on ParentMail



Attendance

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



Year 6

F1	93.9%
F2	91.5%
C1	94.0%
C2	97.0%
C3	95.0%
C4	96.4%
C5	93.2%
C6	97.4%
Overall	94.8%

Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

F1	Leo W
F2	Lola-Mae W-R
C1	William M
C2	Oliwia N
C3	Bryan A
C4	Mitchell A
C5	Mason J
C6	Kennedy B

