

St. George's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents

SCARLET FEVER/STREP-A (GAS)

There has been much information in the press over the past week with the national rise of Scarlet Fever and Strep-A cases. In the vast majority of these cases, a course of antibiotics is more than sufficient along side a few days rest.

In some extremely rare cases, which have been reported nationally, the Strep-A virus can enter the blood stream (Invasive Strep-A known as iGAS).

Schools are taking extra precautions at the moment so we have returned to Covid hygiene levels where extra cleaning is taking place, additional handwashing and hand sanitisation. We continue to teach children to 'CATCH-IT, BIN-IT, KILL-IT'

At this time, it is vital that parents inform school of any cases of the following:

Scarlet Fever

Strep-A (confirmed by a doctor)

Chicken Pox

Influenza

We are required to report cases to regional health organisations for monitoring purposes.

There is no need to alarm. Many children will have Scarlet Fever and Strep-A each year so continue to monitor your children and seek your doctor's advice if you are concerned as children will need antibiotics if either are diagnosed.

OUR HEATING SITUATION

At the time of sending this newsletter out, our two heating boilers remain out of order. We continue to operate with fan heaters in each classroom which are sufficient to keep the room at the right temperature. However, we are unable to heat EYFS sufficiently, hence our Nursery has been closed today.

We were hoping that our boilers could have been repaired today but it hasn't been possible. Therefore, it's with a heavy heart that we say **we are unable to open the Nursery on Monday**. We will do everything we can to open on Tuesday but without our boilers, it's impossible to generate enough heat to allow us to operate safely above a legal level. If we tried to heat the Nursery with our existing equipment, we would risk over ½ of the school losing power and be forced to close again.

Huge thanks to all our Nursery parents for their support and understanding – we really want our little ones in, especially at this time of year when there's so much joy and plays to look forward to. We have our EYFS play to look forward to at the end of next week.

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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

As you'll all be aware, the Christmas festivities are upon us. We have 4 performances next week – two KS1 plays and two EYFS plays (dates and times at the end of the newsletter). All performances are just £1.00 to enter, payable on the door, with should open at approximately 9.10am, once we have set up following our Breakfast Club.

Our KS2 tableau takes place at 1.30 pm in St George's Church on Monday 19th. This is a simple and poignant service where all our KS2 children will sing, with a small group of Year 5 and 6 mime and read scripture to tell the Christmas Story. Children will be sitting in the two side sections of church and you'll appreciate space is limited so please be mindful of other and limit family numbers attending.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Here are the remaining events that we have planned for the week and a half before we break up for Christmas.

Tuesday 13th December

Wednesday 14th December

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

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Monday 19th December

Tuesday 20th December

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Wednesday 21st December

KS1 Christmas Play @ 9.30

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EYFS Christmas Play @ 9.30

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Father Christmas comes to town!

Santa Dash (pm)

KS2 Tableau @ 1.30

Assembly to present Alister Saville Card WINNERS

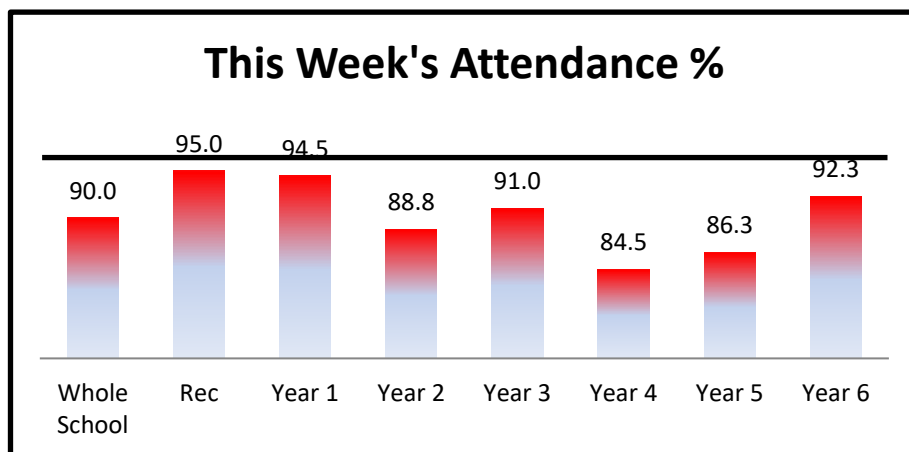
Nursery closes for Christmas

Children's Class Party Afternoon

School closes @ 1.00pm

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **Remember, our school target is 96% which is represented by the black line.**



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr P. Chapman
Headteacher

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