

St. George's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents

Only a few days to go until our first Christmas plays hit the stage at St George's. We are so excited to see the children performing, and with a live audience. It will be the highlight of the term so light candles, say a prayer and cross your fingers and toes that our Covid cases stay low and we're able to go ahead.

CHRISTMAS PLAY DETAILS

Our KS1 and EYFS plays start next week - we can hardly believe it! Time has flown by so quickly but the children are beyond excited to have the chance to perform.

Obviously, there's a rise in Covid cases throughout the borough and the new variant has brought in some procedures that we thought were behind us. Therefore, to ensure everyone's safety and to protect all our performances, we just need to ensure that we all follow the guidelines below.

- ALL visitors to the school must wear a mask which must be worn while in school.
- When queuing to enter the school, please ensure you are socially distanced from others and wearing a mask.
- Seating in the hall is socially distanced so please keep to the layout in the school hall.
- At the end of the performance, there will be an opportunity to take photos but children should remain in their class and leave the hall together.

ALL play times are listed below and times for the plays are printed on your tickets. **PLEASE BRING YOUR TICKETS WITH YOU - WE MUST ENSURE THAT NUMBERS ARE ACCURATE. Also - ticket numbers have been entered into a raffle so your number may well be pulled out!**

PRAYERS FOR DOMINIC

It's with great sadness and heavy hearts that we ask for your prayers for baby Dominic who passed away this week. His time on earth was short as he lost his brave fight but we know his memory and love will live on in the hearts of his family. It's been a shock to everyone and we send all our love and thoughts to his family. Year 5 have written some special prayers to share with his family and we know Dominic is safe in God's hands.



PTA EVENTS



The Advent season kicked off in style this week with a special visit for the Christmas Elf! Our school was full of excitement and joy as the Elf merrily danced through the school handing out chocolate lollies to all the children. It was so exciting for everyone - including the staff! We can't thank the Elf enough for coming and spending time with us - I'm sure Elf was exhausted by such an energetic visit to

see us - we are very grateful to Elf, and to Mrs Daly for her escorting and music skills! It was a brilliant way to start the Advent season and get us all in the Christmas spirit.



YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

Spare a thought for our lovely Year 5 children who had their residential cancelled this week!

Unfortunately, following the extreme weather last weekend, the CHET Centre was badly affected by tree damage and the site was left unsafe for our children. It was a huge disappointment for them but we are so proud of how they responded and the mature way in which they took the news. We will do our best to find something exciting for them later in the school year. Well done for such maturity Year 5 - we are very proud of you!



CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Wednesday next week (8th December) the children will be having their Christmas Lunch. If children are on Hot Dinners, they will have a delicious Christmas roast dinner and a seasonal ice-cream treat. Children who have a packed lunch can bring in a festive packed lunch which can include a treat or two. Just as last year, we won't be having Christmas crackers but there will be festive fun!

FATHER CHRISTMAS' ARRIVAL!

You won't have failed to notice the arrival of our gigantic Father Christmas, and his woody reindeer, on our school field. What a joy and what a treat to have him here for the Christmas season. We have to thank Frank Sharp and Friends of Maghull for arranging such a great addition to the school. Huge thanks to Andrew Houghton for providing the hay bales, to Craig Lawson for the fantastic reindeer and Maghull Town Council for funding the paints. The reindeer will have a new home in in a local park following Santa's visit to our school. And a very special thank you to Miss Mawtus for all her support and time in ensuring everything went smoothly AND for ensuring Father Christmas was wearing his brilliant outfit! Miss Mawtus painted all afternoon and Mrs Ashcroft did the finishing touches with a perfect face to greet us!

Don't forget to post your letters to Father Christmas in the letter box - it doesn't matter how old you are...the bell still rings regardless of age!!!!

PTA RAFFLE

The PTA has been extra busy over the last few weeks and have organised a grand raffle for the end of ter. They have already generated prizes worth over £1000, including some items you can see in the picture. Raffle tickets will go on sale from Monday. They are £2.00 each or you can buy a whole strip of 5 tickets for just £5.00. Please send the correct money into school with your child and class teachers will sort out tickets and send them home in book bags. There are some amazing prizes so it's well work a dabble!



DATES FOR DIARIES

Wednesday 8th December 9.30am

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Thursday 9th December 9.30am

Thursday 9th December 2.00pm

Friday 10th December 9.30am

Friday 10th December

Wednesday 15th December 2.00pm

Thursday 16th December 2.00 pm

Friday 17th December (am)

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Monday 20th December (pm)

Tuesday 21st December

KS1 Christmas Play

Christmas Dinner

Foundation Stage Christmas Play

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Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)

KS2 Christmas Play

KS2 Christmas Play

Father Christmas & Christmas Grotto

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Santa Dash

Christmas Party & Disco

Tuesday 21st December

Wednesday 22nd December 1.00 pm

NURSERY closes for the Christmas Holidays

School closes for the Christmas Holiday

★ After-School club will close at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 22nd December

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr P. Chapman
Headteacher