



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

"A loving Christian family striving to achieve excellence"



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Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas stars across Kirkby – bringing the community together at Christmas 2020

We are working with the Kirkby Collaborative of Schools and Tower Hill and Shevington Together group to bring the Kirkby community together. The idea is to encourage everyone in Kirkby to put up a Christmas symbol in their window with a Christmas message for the community.

By putting up a star in the window the idea is that everyone is thinking of all other members of the Kirkby community at Christmas – and the star is the symbol we are using to demonstrate that togetherness and unity at this difficult Christmas time.

Your children will bring the star home on Tuesday 1st December so they can all be put on the window together on the 1st to shine a light throughout the Christmas month. Members of the Kirkby community without school children can also create their own star. You may wish to share the message to embrace other members of the community and community groups.

We can also make some extra stars for people you know in Kirkby – please tell us if you know anyone who wants a star making and we will get to work.

Dinner Options for next week w/b 30th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday
Choice 1: Cheese and Ham Panini, Wedges and Salad	Choice 1: All Day Breakfast	Choice 1: Cheese Pizza, Smilies and Spaghetti Hoops	Choice 1: Roast Beef Dinner	Choice 1: Fish, Chips and Beans
Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato
Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich

Fluenz Vaccine Catch Up

The school health team will be in school on Monday to give the Flu vaccine to Year 6 and any children who sign up for the vaccine and missed it because of absence.

Cold Weather Update

As the winter months get colder children need to come to school wrapped up warm. Please ensure your child has a coat and suitable shoes. It may also be necessary for them to wear a hat, scarf, gloves and even wellies for outdoor play. If your child particularly suffers in cold weather ensure they have warm underclothing and girls need to wear tights. When the weather is particularly cold it is acceptable for them to wear a jacket or hoody over (not instead of) their school jumper – if they feel they need it.

As you know for all of us Christmas will be very different this year, but we still want to make the Season of Advent memorable for the children. We have planned the following activities to make Christmas special for our children in school.



The Virtual Lakeland Lapland Festive Schools Challenge

This year we are taking on the Lakeland Lapland Schools Challenge. Every class must complete 234k (145 miles) in 12 days, which is the equivalent of running from the capital of Lapland to the village where Santa lives. As part of their daily mile the children collectively complete 145 miles, on the final mile day the classteachers will ask the children to wear Santa hats, Elf hats, Christmas hairbands etc for a Santa dash type run. You will be informed of this date nearer to the time!

Christmas Parties

Class Christmas parties will take place on 17th December however we will be buying in the food / snacks and be asking for a donation of £1 per child by Friday 11th December.

Christmas Dinner

Will take place with current dinner timetable restrictions on Wednesday 16th December.

Mini Mobile Christmas Fayre

The Friends of St Joseph's are providing a mini Christmas Fayre during the school day just for children on Wednesday 16th December. The children will need to bring a small amount of money to spend if they so wish, more details on the activities will be provided next week.

Christmas Cards

The children can bring in Christmas cards however they must be sent into school before Friday 11th December otherwise we will not be able to give them out.

Christmas Jumper day

To be held this year on 11th December for a small donation.

And finally we aren't able to do class performances this year; however we do plan share a little bit of Christmas magic with you via our website and twitter.

- We are blessed with our huge hall space which will allow every class to sing a couple of Christmas songs that we can send to parents to watch.
- If you do not want your child to be filmed for the website or twitter please complete the form below – this will not stop them from being involved in the singing.
- Filming will take place during the last week and be shared before we finish on Friday 18th Dec at 1pm.

Christmas Pantomime

TANGO (Together as Neighbours Giving Out) a community charity shop in Northwood, Kirkby have very kindly donated some money so we can provide every class with a virtual Pantomime this year! We are so thankful that we can still give the children this opportunity that we know they will really enjoy.

There will also be Christmas Bingo and Christmas movie afternoon!

Kind Regards
Mrs J Ryan
Headteacher

I do not want my child _____ to be filmed as part of the Christmas concert for viewing on twitter and the school website.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer