

NOVEMBER		
Monday 13 th	KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Party pm	
Tuesday 14 th	Mrs Walker Tameside Health and Safety group meeting	
Wednesday 15 th	EYFS (N and R) Party (am) Upper KS2 (Y5 and Y6) Party	
Thursday 16 th	Lower KS2 (Y3 and Y4)	
Friday 17 th	KS2 Carol Service (Virtual) School closes for Christmas at 2pm	

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St James' Catholic Primary

"Great News"

Monday 13th December

St Lucy

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mr Woolley for taking over so seamlessly whilst I was poorly but also a massive thank you to all the staff for working so well as a team whilst I was absent. It is very much appreciated, I never take for granted how hard our staff work and how well they work together.

PRAYER AND LITURGY MATTERS

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

There will be two Christmas Masses at church this year. The first is on Christmas Eve at 3pm, this is traditionally the family Mass. There is also a parish Mass on Christmas Day at 9am. If you wish to attend either of these liturgies, please book in with Pat Fleming . Her number is 330 1735. We look forward to seeing you there...Don't forget your mask!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Each class has a lovely Advent wreath in their classroom which forms the focus for class prayer. All the wreaths were blessed in a special zoom assembly at the beginning of December. There are photographs on the website under Welcome... Catholic Life... Advent.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year's Nativity Plays and Carol Service will be recorded and put on the school's Facebook page like it was last year. We had put provisional dates in for their release but due to staff and children illness we will have to share them once they are ready... watch this space!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Infection control permitting, we are intending to have "double bubble" Christmas Parties this year, in the Hall. If a class is isolating they won't miss out... the party will come to them! On the day of the party, the children can come in their party clothes but please be mindful that they need to be warm at playtime and in our well ventilated classrooms, need sensible shoes for playing out in and don't need any accessories!

EYFS (N&R) Party is in the morning of Wednesday 15th December.

KS1 (Y1&Y2) Party is on Monday 13th December, in the afternoon.

Lower KS2 (Y3&Y4) Party is on Thursday 16th December, in the afternoon.

Upper KS2 (Y5&Y6) Party is on Wednesday 15th December, in the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

A big thank you to Mrs Wain and her team in the kitchen, Mrs Boyce and Miss Glynn and all the classroom staff for ensuring that Christmas dinner for 200 was a great success! It is always a wonderful occasion at St James' Catholic Primary.

BRASS BAND

A massive thank you to Mr Conway and the 10 o'clock club for playing carols on Friday at home time. Whilst we all miss the Christmas brass assembly, it was lovely to replicate it in a small way. I have heard that it was much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS ART WORK

Lantern Parade

Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful time making Christmas Lanterns with Leslie from the Tameside Cultural Services and then either took part or watched the parade in Hyde.. Thank you to Mrs Collins and Mr Woolley for organising this spectacular project and to all the families who went to watch and take part.

NHS

Year 5 and 6 have been asked to contribute to a Mural at Hattersley Group Practice... Watch this space.

Hattersley Festive Trail

Congratulations to all the classes who contributed to Christmas banners on our school fence which formed part of the Hattersley Festive Trail on Friday. It was a wonderful team effort and we have had lots of lovely feedback about them.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We close for the Christmas Holidays on **Friday 17th December at 2pm**. The staff will be back for an INSET day on Tuesday 4th January and **the children are back on Wednesday 5th January**

PACKED LUNCHES

Just a reminder that flasks of hot food are not permitted if your child is on packed lunches. We have had incidents of red hot soup being spilt this week. The only option for hot food is school dinners as the temperature of school dinners is carefully controlled by Health and Safety legislation.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We are still trying to minimise Covid risks so for this academic year we won't be able to bring in birthday treats. If we do it for the whole year it is fair to everyone.

WEBSITE

Just a reminder that our website is our main means of communication at the moment. As well as all the letters on the front page, there is a useful calendar of events. If your child is isolating there are lots of links to websites of activities and a page of useful information for parents.

NEW UNIFORM

If you are considering new uniform, you will need to order it online from School Trends using the link below.

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StJamesCatholicPrimarySchoolSK143DQ>

The example shown doesn't have our school badge on but the uniform that you are sent will have! Now that shops are open and uniform is readily available we will be returning to our high

standard of uniform so remember the black school shoes in your plans and that hair accessories should be small and school colours.