



4th December, 2020

Dear Families,

Christmas Party Day

On our newsletter last Friday, we informed you of Christmas events taking place over the next two weeks in school. If you have missed our Christmas Events Newsletter, please see the letter on our school website dated 27.11.20.

This year, we are not having a separate Christmas jumper day but children can wear their Christmas jumper as part of their party clothes for their Christmas Dinner and Party Day if they wish. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Christmas Dinner money in a clearly marked envelope - your help in this is greatly appreciated.

The children will be signing a Christmas Carol and we hope to publish these online. However, we need your permission to do so. Can I please ask that you complete the online permission form on our school website under the heading, *Christmas Recording Permission*, by Monday 7th December. Many thanks.

Staff Training Day

We will be having a **Staff Training Day on Monday 4th January, 2021**. Therefore, school will be closed to all pupils on this day. **School will reopen for all of our children on Tuesday 5th January, 2021.**

Year 5 First Holy Communion

This week, we were informed that St. John Vianney church will reopen this weekend for weekend Mass following a four-week period of National Lockdown, thereby enabling our First Holy Communion programme to begin again.

This weekend, four of our Year 5 children will be making their First Holy Communion at St. John Vianney church with Father Martin at 11am Mass on Sunday. On behalf of the whole school community, we send all of our prayers and good wishes to Jack, Ava-Mae, Giuseppe and Jonathan as they make this important sacrament - we know it will be a very special day for them all.

A Note from Miss West for children in Year 5 and Year 6

Instrumental Music tuition for Years 5 and 6 will continue after Christmas, starting the first week back. The lessons will be carried out in a ten-week block and Miss West will invoice parents and carers for these lessons after Christmas. Any parents and carers of children in Years 5 and 6 who would like to start lessons and are not currently on the school's waiting list should email school to note their interest.

COVID-19 Contact

If you need to contact school over the weekend regarding COVID-19 issues, please contact me at admin@stjohnvianney.newcastle.sch.uk.

Can I personally thank you for your patience, understanding and co-operation in these challenging times.

With my very best wishes,

C.Meldrum

Acting Headteacher