

Please send all pupils to school with a coat to wear in the playground.



St Jude's Catholic Primary School  
 St Jude's Close Maypole  
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**We live, love and learn together joyfully, in Jesus' name.**

**Advent**

**This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. This is our time of waiting. During Advent, we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.** Every year, Christians get ready to celebrate Christmas. The word Advent means "coming." Advent is the four weeks before Christmas when we prepare for Christ's coming. We are pleased to invite a parent or other family member in to school to work with their child in an Advent themed workshop on the following dates:

- Y2—November 29th at 9am**
- Reception—November 29th at 2.15pm**
- Nursery—December 1st at 9am**
- Y3—December 6th at 9am**
- Y4—December 6th at 2.15pm**
- Y5—December 7th at 2.15pm**
- Y6—December 8th at 9am.**



All workshops will take place in the school hall with the exception of Nursery; this will take place in their classroom. Please wait by the hall door for the start of the workshop. Each one will last no longer than 45 minutes.

**Sacramental Preparation and Dates**

Please be aware of the following dates for pupils in Y3 and Y5 who will be receiving sacraments this academic year:

- January 28th**—11am mass at St. Dunstan's Church followed by confession for Y6 Confirmandi.
- February 7th**—Sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm, St. Dunstan's Church.
- March 4th**—11am mass followed by First Confession for Y3 pupils, St. Dunstan's Church.
- June 13th**—First Holy Communion, 10am mass, St. Jude's Church

There will be parent meetings that you will be invited to attend, dates will follow.

**Stars of the Week!**

- Nursery - Jack & Olivia-Joy
- Reception – Isaiah & Sienna H
- Year 1 - Amani & Ameliah-Hope
- Year 2 - Nevaeh & Coen
- Year 3 - Natan & Malarnie
- Year 4 - Carter & Lexi
- Year 5 - Siem & Cara
- Year 6 – Matilda & Alfie J



**Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on November 25th at 2.45pm—parents are welcome.**

**Attendance Support**

Some families will have received letters this week from our attendance officer Mrs Dickens requesting a meeting with her to discuss attendance. This is intended to be a supportive measure, please come and meet with her.

**Attendance Matters**



Don't forget that we have are having an attendance raffle at the end of term!

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
<b>This Week</b>	88.6%	94.2%	97.0%	95.0%	93.3%	97.8%	92.9%	94.2%
<b>This Term</b>	93.5%	95.3%	95.3%	95.1%	93.5%	96.5%	93.9%	94.8%
<b>Whole Year</b>	93.5%	95.3%	95.3%	95.1%	93.5%	96.5%	93.9%	94.8%

Please make sure that pupils aren't coming in to school with muddy shoes!

# Christmas Boutique

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Children can bring £1 to school and buy a gift for a loved one for Christmas.

Friday 2nd December is non-uniform day, please could children bring in a donation for the Christmas Boutique. Thank you.



On December 2nd, a non-uniform day, we are asking for your donations of unwanted and unused items that children can buy as gifts for loved ones at our Christmas Boutique. We really do need as many people as possible to donate. The children absolutely love this annual event but we need your support to make it happen. If you don't have a gift to donate, please send your child with a £1 donation.

## FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

- November 27th**—the start of Advent
- December 2nd** —non-uniform day in exchange for either £1 or a gift for the Christmas Boutique
- December 8th**—World Cup Themed Day (details to follow)
- December 9th**—Christmas Jumper Day
- December 13th**—Christmas Dinner—Nursery, Reception, Years One and Two
- December 14th**—Christmas Dinner—Years Three, Four, Five and Six Year One Nativity Play at 2pm
- December 15th**—Christmas Parties
- December 16th**—Christmas Boutique, end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish
- January 3rd**—Teacher Day – School closed to pupils
- January 4th**—Pupils return to school
- January 28th**—*First Confession after 11am mass, St. Dunstan's Church*
- February 7th**—**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR BAPTISED CATHOLICS IN Y6 AT ST.DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, 7PM**
- February 17th**—Pupils break up for half-term
- February 27th**—Pupils return from half-term break
- March 31st**—end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish.
- April 17th** -Teacher Day – School closed to pupils
- April 18th**—Pupils return to school
- May 1st**—May Day Bank Holiday
- w/c May 29th**—Half-term week

## Our Advent Giving Tree Appeal

Every year at St. Jude's, we have a charity collection during Advent. Last year, we collected hats, scarves and toiletries for the St. Chad's Sanctuary. This year, we are offering our support locally and we are collecting again for The Spearhead Trust, a charity based in Druids Heath which runs a food bank. We collected for this charity as part of our Harvest celebrations and they were very grateful for our support. Again, we are collecting in date food items that can be used by families over these difficult financial times. Please support this very worthwhile appeal.



We have received some complaints from local residents about pupils walking through their gardens and along their walls especially after school. Please talk to children about walking safely on designated pathways.

Fr Philip has asked us to bring a few notices to your attention.

**PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS**

- **Family Christmas Afternoon - Sunday 4th December**  
Fun for all the children, with refreshments available to purchase from the bar! Polar Express will be shown in the Social Centre, from 2pm. After the film, there will a special visit from Father Christmas. Tickets cost £2.50 for children which includes a small gift from Father Christmas, adults are free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available from both churches this weekend.
- **Christmas Party—Friday 16th December** At the Irish Centre, Wheelers Lane, starting at 7pm. There will be a disco with a range of music including Christmas music. Bring your dancing shoes and be prepared to have a good time. There will also be a bring and share buffet, a 50/50 draw and Christmas Grand Prize Draw! Tickets for the party cost £5 each and are available from both churches this weekend.
- **Christmas Grand Prize Draw** - Once again, we will be having our Christmas Grand Prize Draw! The draw will take place at the Parish Christmas party. 1st prize: £500 2nd prize: £250 3rd prize: £100. Other great prizes Tickets cost £1 each and are available this weekend from both churches. Get your tickets to be in with a chance of winning a prize. You can return your ticket stubs with your money to the Parish Office or to either church after weekend Masses.

