

# St Michael and St Martin Catholic Primary School

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*Learning our faith, Living our faith, Loving our faith*



21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Dear Parent / Carers

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. As we approach Advent, please find below an outline of events and activities planned for the festive season.

Advent commences on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**. Children will have 14 full days at school from the start of Advent, and similar to last year we will be calling this the '*14 days of Christmas*'. We want the children to be excited about this time of preparation and waiting for Jesus' birth. During the '*14 days of Christmas*', 30 minutes each afternoon will be spent doing something Christmassy.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – EYFS (Nursery & Reception) **Purple** Mufti Day.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Advent Reconciliation here in school for our KS2 children (*Years 4 to 6*).

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Chaplaincy Team attend Westminster Advent Mass and Carol Service.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole School Food Bank collection day, further details relating to this will be sent out later in the week. Any family wishing to avail of a '*food parcel*' from this collection should email [response@stmichaelrc.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:response@stmichaelrc.hounslow.sch.uk) **in confidence**, before **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**. Please ensure that you include your child's name, class and how we can contact you to arrange collection. Unfortunately we are unable to accept requests after this date or in person. Food parcels will be available for collection on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, Mr Marston will contact families to arrange time slots.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December EYFS and KS1 (Yrs1 & 2) Nativities, commence from** – We look forward to welcoming you into school to watch your child's Nativity. Dates and times are as follows:

**Year 2 – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**, entry via the main school gates.

**Year 1 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**, entry via the main school gates

**Reception – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**, entry via the main school gates

**AM Nursery – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**, entry via the Nursery gates which will close **promptly** at 9.25am.

**PM Nursery – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm**, entry via the Nursery gates which will close **promptly** at 1.10pm

Please note that Nursery children are permitted to go home with their parents after the performance.

**Please do arrive on time for these performances, any late arrivals will not be permitted.**



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**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (*times to be confirmed*)** – Food parcel collection day. Time slots to be arranged.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm** – our school choir have been invited to attend a special Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral. Parents of choir members should have already confirmed attendance via the Google Form. The event is open to the public so please feel free to attend.

**Whole School on-line Pantomime** – As in previous years we have purchased an on-line performance of ‘Aladdin’ which children will watch within their year groups.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Please join us at **St Michael & St Martin Catholic Church** for our annual Carol Service led by our KS2 children. Please arrive by 1.45pm for a prompt 2pm start.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – This will be our Christmas Day in school. It is a Christmas mufti day, infants can wear a nativity costume or Christmas jumper to school on this day and juniors may wear a Christmas jumper – *no uniform is required*. They may also bring in a Christmas hat to wear if they so choose. We will also be having our annual Christmas lunch on this day. All bookings should be made in the usual manner via ParentPay. Simply log on to your child’s ParentPay account to ‘book a meal’. Please ensure that all Christmas lunches are booked before **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** to enable our catering company to order accordingly. There will only be **two** choices on this day – **Roast Turkey or a vegetarian option**.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Children may bring in Christmas cards to give to their friends up until this date.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery will close at the end of the school day. As always this will be their end of term mufti day.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – All after school clubs *finish* for the autumn term (*Friday clubs finish Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024*). Please ensure that if your child attends any clubs that you complete your payment for these before this date via your ParentPay account. Our spring term clubs listing will be sent out via email when we return in the New Year.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception to Year 6 will finish **at 1.30pm** and this will also be a mufti day.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025** – Spring Term commences.

We hope that in all the preparations at home and in school, we are able to take time to remember the true meaning of Christmas and enjoy Advent, preparing for the greatest gift of all, the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas...



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