

St Michael and St Martin Catholic Primary School

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24th November 2023

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 3rd December 2023**. Children will have 13 full days at school from the start of Advent, and similar to last year we will be calling this the '*13 days of Christmas*'. We want the children to be excited about this time of preparation and waiting for Jesus' birth. During the '*13 days of Christmas*', 30 minutes each afternoon, will be spent doing something Christmassy.

Wednesday 29th November – Chaplaincy Team attend Westminster Advent Mass and Carol Service.

Monday 4th December – EYFS (Nursery & Reception) **Purple Mufti Day**.

Tuesday 5th December – Advent Reconciliation here in school for our KS2 children (*Years 4 to 6*).

Monday 11th December – Whole School Food Bank collection day, further details relating to this will be sent out early next week. Any family wishing to be considered for a '*food parcel*' from this collection should email response@stmichaelrc.hounslow.sch.uk **in confidence**, before **Wednesday 13th December 2023**. 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.

Friday 15th December – All after school clubs *finish* for the autumn term. 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.

EYFS and KS1 (Yrs1 & 2) Nativities, commence from Tuesday 12th December – We look forward to welcoming you into school to watch your child's Nativity. Dates and times are as follows:

Year 2 – Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am, entry via the main school gates

Year 1 – Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am, entry via the main school gates



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Reception – Thursday 14th December at 9.30am, entry via the main school gates
AM Nursery – Friday 15th December at 9.30am, entry via the Nursery gates which will close *promptly* at 9.25am
PM Nursery – Friday 15th December at 1.15pm, entry via the Nursery gates which will close *promptly* at 1.10pm

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

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

Wednesday 13th December – This will be our Christmas Day in school. This 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 for this are made in the usual manner via ParentPay. Simply log on to your child’s ParentPay account to make your booking. Please ensure that all Christmas lunches are booked before **Friday 1st December** to enable our catering company to order accordingly. There will only be two choices of meals on this day, if you have already booked your child’s meal please feel free to amend your booking before this date.

Children may bring in Christmas cards to give to their friends. The last day for giving Christmas cards is **Monday 18th December**.

Wednesday 20th December – Please join us at **St Michael & St Martin Catholic Church** for our annual carol service led by our KS2 children. This service will start at **1.30pm**.

Nursery will close on **Wednesday 20th December** at the end of the school day. As always this will be their end of term mufti day.

Reception – Year 6 will finish on **Thursday 21st December at 1.30pm** and this will also be a mufti day.

Spring Term commences on **Monday 8th January 2024**.

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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