



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

We are almost through the autumn term and what a busy term we have had.

Key dates for DECEMBER

Monday 3 rd December	Assessment Week Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 4 th December	Year 6 and Year 5 to St George's Cathedral – The Nativity
Thursday 6 th December	Years 3, 4 and 5 to the Tramshed Theatre MATHS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS – 5.30PM
Wednesday 12 th December	CRiBS – Christmas Play
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17 th December	Christmas Party Day
Wednesday 19 th December	INFANT NATIVITY – 2PM
Thursday 20 th December	End of Term Mass – Whole School 10am
Friday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 th January	Back to school
Thursday 17 th January	Open Evening



MATHS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS Thursday 6th December – 5.30pm

Following our successful 'phonics Evening for Parents' we are holding a Maths evening where we will show and teach you the different methods of Calculation we use in school.

Please come along and learn how to support your child's learning in Maths.

There will be a crèche for children who attend St John Fisher School.

Christmas Presence

Come and watch the splendour of the Nativity retold by Year 2, Year 1 and Reception on **Wednesday 19th December.**

This is a must see event – don't be late as you will not get through the gate.

Starts at 2pm – door opens at 1.45pm

Christmas Parties

All classes will be having their parties on **Monday 17th December**

Children to come to school in their party clothes (NO SCHOOL UNIFORM)

Please send in food on the day.

Food required:-

Crisps Biscuits Sweets Drinks

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Friday 14th December

Come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper! Children can wear jeans on this day.





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HAIR

This term we have seen a number of children whose parents are not following the school policy regarding hair and hair styles. We pride ourselves on our school community and expect everyone in the St John Fisher Family to follow the same rules.

Staff will contact you if your child's hair does not comply with school policy.

Please make sure that your child/ren DO NOT have different colour braids or patterns cut into their hair.

Girls - hair same colour as their natural hair and ALL long hair tied back - no coloured hair.

Boys -hair ONE length all over - No patterns/lines cut into their hair.

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is a ZERO TOLERANCE ZONE

We understand that receiving phone calls from school about your child may be inconvenient but this is a tried and tested effective means of communication. All teachers are responsible for the following of school policy and procedures - You will be contacted if there is a concern and/or school policy and procedures are not being followed.

Please be mindful that when a member of staff calls you inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff will not be tolerated on these premises.

Anyone behaving in such a way may receive a ban from the premises and their behaviour may be reported to the police.

For a harmonious environment please follow school policy and procedures and remember staff are doing their job when they contact you.

SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

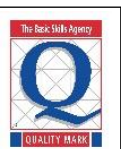
The transition to weekly meal options has worked well for the school and the kitchen staff.

Thank you to the parents who have supported this change.

HOWEVER - there are some parents who are still not paying for school meals in advance as expected - waiting for a debt letter from the school office is not the way forward.

From **Tuesday 4th December** you will be contacted by the school office asking for payment of any debts and the weeks dinner money.

Please remember to send in your child(rens) dinner money on a Monday morning.





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Thursday 13th December Christmas Lunch

Children who normally have a packed lunch are invited to join us and enjoy a delicious Christmas Dinner.



Advent

Advent in school is a period of great excitement and preparation for Christmas. The children have been busy practising for their Nativity play or carol singing for the elderly with growing anticipation of the festivities to come. It is important that we remember the real meaning of Advent with the children. At this time of year we need to remember that Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ.

SPORTING NEWS

Well done to our Year 6 Netball Team who are at the top of the league at St Pauls.

Well done to Years 3,4, 5 & 6 for a fantastic performance at St Paul's Academy. The skills and discipline developed in PE lessons and Sports Club was very evident.



Adverse Weather Conditions

In the case of adverse weather conditions where the school may be closed please check the school website www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk

We will also send out an email and text to all parents - please make sure we have the correct email and contact numbers for you

If for some reason the school website is unavailable then you can go straight to the Schools Opencheck site <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/Default.aspx>

Parents without internet access can phone 020 8408 7508 and enter the school's DfE number which is 3033505 to get the same information, or as a last resort you can phone the Bexley Contact Centre on 020 8303 7777.

BACK TO SCHOOL
TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY

Please contact the school office if you have any concerns. Thank You for your continued support!

LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 21st December
School finishes at 1.30pm

