

# Newsletter

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, we have even had some snow! This term is always a very full term with Christmas approaching and other events happening in the lead up to the festive season. This year we have had to adapt some of our annual activities in relation to the current restrictions, but we are certainly going to still have fun as we count down the days to Christmas! Please read through all the information below to keep you updated and to see what we can do to support you. Remember to use our school app and our Twitter feed for up to date notifications.



## Christmas Post

Unfortunately due to restrictions, we are unable to do Christmas post this year. However, each class will be sending whole class cards to each other's class. Please do not bring in any Christmas cards to pass onto friends as we are unable to do this.

## Christmas Nativity

This year our P1 learners will perform the Nativity virtually! It will be different, but they will still share the very important reason as to why we celebrate Christmas. Rehearsals are underway and children are busy learning their lines! The nativity will be broadcast **week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December**. We will provide further information nearer the time.

## School Christmas Lunch.

Christmas lunch for our learners will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Christmas dinner will be served in the dinner hall. Children are as always able to bring in their own lunch from home if preferred. Children with allergens will pre-order their school lunch. More information will follow including the menu for School Christmas lunch.

## Christmas Parties

On the day of their class party children are able to come to school wearing their party clothes. We are discouraging learners to go home to get changed. In line with the current guidance, children are unable to get changed in school. Learners will have time in their classroom and time in the dinner hall or gym hall for party games. In line with our current Covid guidance, individual classes will not mix for their Christmas party. More information will come home in a separate letter.

## Jolly Jumper Day

Children are welcome to join in our **Jolly Jumper Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. They may come to school wearing either a Christmas/Wintery jumper or something seasonal, e.g. a hat, or some tinsel.

## Christmas Panto

As we are unable to have a panto company come into school this year, we have arranged for a virtual Christmas Panto. 'Puss in Boots' will be broadcast to the whole school (including our ELC setting) on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. Classes will watch the performance in their classrooms.


















## Christmas Service

We will be holding a virtual Christmas Service for learners on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at 9:30am. Unfortunately, parents and carers are unable to join us on this occasion due to digital restrictions.

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## Christmas Countdown 2021



Date	Activity
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	 Build Resilience Sharing Assembly
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	 Filming for Nativity
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	 <b><i>Jolly Jumper Day 2021! Christmas Jumpers at the ready!</i></b>  Wider Curriculum
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	 After Lunch – P3/4 and P4 Christmas Parties  After Lunch – p5/6 and P6 Christmas Parties  Nativity is Released
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	 After Lunch – P2a and P2b Christmas Parties  After Lunch – P4/5 and P5 Christmas Parties
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	 After Lunch – 2/3 and P3 Christmas Parties  After Lunch – P7a and P7b Christmas Parties
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	 After Lunch – ELC Christmas Party  After Lunch – P1a, P1b and P1c Christmas Parties
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	 Achievement Assemblies
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	 1:30pm – Virtual Nativity – ‘Puss in Boots’
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	 9:30am – Virtual Church Service  End of Term 2:55/3:10pm