



With only 3 days left in school, children are getting into the festive spirit. On Wednesday, children in KS1 and KS2 were able to come to school wearing a Christmassy item and we all really enjoyed the Christmas lunch provided by Mrs Hallett and her team, so thank you to them. I am sure that you will agree they looked lovely, especially the desserts!



Our Nursery children have had a very special visit today from Santa. Luckily everyone in Nursery is on the nice list so he is looking forward to visiting them on Christmas Eve.



Our Year 1 and Year 2 children had a visit from the police this week. They spoke to them about stranger danger.

The pantomime visit to Hartlepool Sixth Form College was cancelled due to current COVID restrictions, as 280 people were not allowed in their hall. However, the pantomime still went ahead and children were able to watch it from the comfort of their classrooms.



## **CLASS DOJO**

Class Dojo is a wonderful way of informing parents about forthcoming events, sending reminders and sharing the successes of the children in school on a daily basis. It is not a way to criticise the school on decisions that have been made. I appreciate that some parents were disappointed by not being able to come in and watch their children perform their Nativity but they were not cancelled, just moved to being recorded. The decision to move to a recording was not made lightly but in consultation with Public Health and the Trust. The times that we are living in means we are not able to make firm decisions and things change at the last moment.

## **SCHOOL MEALS**

You can now choose your meals online via your SCOPAY account. We have set a 3 week rolling menu starting with week 2 on 10th January. You will see 3 choices, main meal, vegetarian option and sandwich. Please complete your 3 weeks choices before we break for Christmas next Wednesday. As our cook has to order the food in advance, we are setting the menu for the first 3 weeks, therefore we cannot accept any meal changes during this period, it must be either meals or packed lunches for the full 3 week period. Should you wish to change from packed lunches to meals or vice versa, your new meal arrangements would commence the first week of the new 3 week meal cycle. We hope to be more flexible once we have trialled this new system. Should you have any queries, please contact Mrs Anderson via the school office.

## **CLOTHING BANK**

Thank you to everyone for your donations to the Clothing Bank, it is not too late to have that final clear out. The bin will be emptied on Wednesday next week.

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

POSADA: We will once again mark the advent journey of Mary and Joseph by meeting at churches across the parish after school each Tuesday and families of all ages are warmly invited. Our short liturgy will take place 3.30-4pm on Tuesday 21st December at St Cuthbert's Church.

It is getting close to Christmas and I would like to share with you the mass times in our churches over the festive season. More information can be found here:

<https://sacred-heart-rc-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/holy-family-parish-bulletin/>

Date	Church	Time
Friday 24th December	St Mary's Church – Christmas unplugged Family Crib Dressing Service. Children to dress and shepherds and angels	3pm-4pm
	St Joseph's Church	Carols and Posada Reception 4.30pm
		5pm Mass
		Carols 6.30pm 7pm Mass Carols 9pm 9.30pm Mass
Saturday 25th December	St Patrick's Church	9am Mass
	St Mary's Church	10am Mass

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	3.00pm School closes for Christmas
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs A. Howell  
Headteacher

