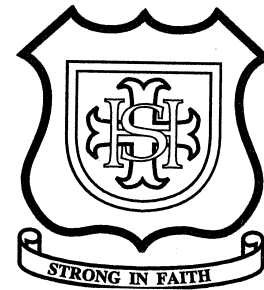


# St. Herbert's R C Primary School

## Autumn Term

14<sup>th</sup> December 2020



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to start this newsletter by saying how proud I am of your children - their resilience, attitude to learning and the joy they bring into school every day is phenomenal; they are a credit to their families!

### Self-isolation:

As I am sure you are aware the self-isolation period has been reduced from Monday 14th December, from 14 days to 10 days - however we still need to remain vigilant, as a request to self-isolate from Tuesday would affect Christmas.

### Final Week

We are so looking forward to this week, where we are striving to bring a little 'normality' but in a safe way, to the children.

**Christmas Parties** will take place on **Tuesday 15th Dec**, albeit a little different, as the children will remain in their classrooms - that's 11 discos!!! Parents have asked is this a non-uniform day - YES! The more sparkle the better!! Please bear in mind that children will be playing outside as normal for breaks and dinner times, so please ensure that they are wearing sensible shoes, and clothes which can get a little dirty (we will keep the children out of the mud!!). And of course, we hope to zoom Fr Christmas to each classroom, from the North Pole - we are very lucky!!

**Mass** - on **Wednesday 16th Dec** the children will 'attend' Mass via zoom, with Fr Lawrence. Due to safeguarding the Parish community, we cannot share this zoom link. This will be a special Mass, because for most children, this will be the first time they have attended Mass since March; and what a lovely time of year for this to happen.

**Nativity - Wednesday 16th Dec 7pm:** please find below the link for our special zoom meeting. We invite families to join me for a short Christmas message and reflection, followed by instructions on how to view our Nativity 'film' (a link for the film will be emailed to you early that evening, in preparation). Please don't worry if you are not admitted immediately at 7pm - I can only admit up to 100 participants at a time (we have 200 families), so I will carry out 2 meetings (**same link**), one at 7pm and one at 7:15pm.

Link:

Topic: Nativity Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 16, 2020 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83266167086?pwd=WVhmMUdUQ2M1OGRpS1hkdkiMWTZVdz09>

Meeting ID: 832 6616 7086

Passcode: Nativity

**Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 17th Dec-** non-uniform day: our best Christmas tops/jumpers and jeans etc.

Weather permitting, we are hoping to bring the children together maintaining their bubbles, in the playground (similar to what we did at Remembrance) to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and sing some carols together. Christmas Raffle – tickets are still on sale until Wednesday, £1 a strip, sold to the children in their classrooms; the draw will take place during our reflection and carol singing!

**PLEASE do not go to any expense for non-uniform - the fact they are having a party etc is enough! And PLEASE do not send any children in if they are poorly - Christmas Day with family is more important than any school activities.**

**Final Day Friday 18th Dec** - unfortunately we cannot hold toy day (toys would have to be quarantined!), but the children will have lots of things to do in the morning, and maybe a Christmas film! We finish for the Christmas Holidays just after lunchtime, and will have a staggered **finish time from 1:10pm to 1:30pm** - please maintain your distance, and thank you for wearing your masks.

We are so nearly there, in more ways than one; please keep vigilant this week to protect Christmas.

Our staff are a dedicated team who have worked so hard this term and I wish to take this opportunity to thank them.

Also thank you to our families and whole school community for all your support, encouragement and kind messages that mean so much.

I hope you have a happy and Holy Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 6th January 2021.**

Kind Regards

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