

9 November 2021

Dear Parents

I would like to share with you some key dates for the rest of this term. I hope that, despite Covid restrictions, we will be able to go ahead with these events. Please be assured that we will only cancel them if we have no alternative. Any indoor event however will be subject to limited numbers per family. I do hope that you understand that we are governed by advice from Public Health, alongside ensuring the safety of our pupils, staff and school community.

### Christmas Key Dates:

Date	Event	Time	Location
7.12.21	<b>Nursery A:</b> Christmas Story	2.00pm	Nursery Room (Limited Capacity)
7.12.21	<b>Y5/6:</b> Christmas Under the Stars	3.45pm	Outdoor event
8.12.21	<b>Nursery (30hrs):</b> Christmas Story	2.00pm	Nursery Room (Limited Capacity)
8.12.21	<b>Y1:</b> Christmas Story	9.30am (Y1VB/AC) 2.00pm (Y1GL)	Junior Hall (Limited Capacity)
9.12.21	<b>Y3:</b> Carols by Candlelight Liturgy	9.30am (Y3RH) 2.15pm (Y3NF)	Junior Hall (Limited Capacity)
9.12.21	<b>Nursery B:</b> Christmas Story	2.00pm	Nursery Room (Limited Capacity)
10.12.21	<b>Y2:</b> Christmas Under the Stars	3.30pm	Outdoor event
13.12.21	<b>Reception:</b> Christmas Story	9.30am (RecMB) 2.00pm (RecCC)	Junior Hall (Limited Capacity)
14.12.21	<b>Y4:</b> Carols by Candlelight Liturgy	9.30am (Y4CG/EC) 2.15pm (Y4CR)	Junior Hall (Limited Capacity)
<b>Other dates</b>			
19.11.21	Children in Need Day	Own Clothes (Fundraising event)	
15.12.21	Christmas Party Day	All Day (Own Clothes)	
17.12.21	Christmas Jumper Day	Own Clothes - Christmas/Woolly Jumpers	

### Parents Evening

A reminder that parents evening phone calls will take place on Monday 15 November and Thursday 18th November. Please make sure you have signed up to receive a phone call from your child's class teacher on one of those dates.

## Children in Need Day

We will be marking Children in Need Day this year with an own clothes day on **Friday 19 November**. The day provides a fabulous opportunity for us to fundraise as a community for Children in Need itself but also to use a share of the fundraising to support local children's charities. This year we have chosen to support:



[Smile for Life](#), a fabulous charity who we have worked with very closely over the years. The charity aims to put a smile on the face of every disabled and disadvantaged youngster enabling them to achieve their potential to live a full and happy life.



[Norah's North Pole](#), a wonderful family initiative, set up in memory of their mam. The charity provides gifts to children, where families may be experiencing significant hardship this Christmas.

Our school council will use some of the funds we raise to purchase gifts in support of this incredible effort.

This week, your child will come home with a small donation envelope to collect any loose change from family and friends at home over the next week. We will collect these back in on the day. **Please only put in what you can. Any donation is appreciated.**

## After School Clubs

With the darker nights now upon us, can I please ask that **all** children are collected by an adult following any after school activity. This is to ensure the safety of our pupils.

## Attendance

It is of utmost importance that your child attends school as regularly as possible. Success with our curriculum and your child's confidence and positive attitude when in school, relies on consistent daily attendance. If your child's attendance does become a concern (below 97%) you will be contacted by school to offer support on how to improve attendance.

## Congratulations to our Year Five children

Last Sunday, some of our Year Five pupils celebrated their First Holy Communion. It was a lovely family occasion and the children made us all very proud. We keep them in our prayers as we support them in their faith journeys. Thank you to the staff, catechists and to our families for your involvement in the day. Congratulations to our children.

The remaining Year Five pupils will celebrate the sacrament this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers. Year Five staff will arrange a date shortly for us to celebrate with the children in school. This will be an opportunity for the children to wear their First Holy Communion outfits again if you so choose.

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