



Newsletter No. 7

Fri 5th December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we move towards the second week of Advent, the children have been busy practising for their Christmas concerts. Dates and times of these are at the end of the newsletter.

These are special events in the children's time at primary school so, if you can make a special effort to come and see your child, I can tell you that it will mean the world to them. As you know children have great memories!

Tonight is the Christmas Fair following the success and generosity of last year's. I look forward to seeing you all tonight and hearing the wonderful performances and sampling some tasty delights as well. Thank you in advance for supporting the event and to the PA who work tirelessly to produce these fundraisers in the name of our school.

I know this is an extremely busy time of year so I hope you manage to have some rest in between all of the diary commitments and I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

Kind regards,

Clare Campbell



Pre-loved Christmas jumper stall - 10th December

If you have a Christmas jumper to donate, please drop them off in advance to the school office. They will be part of The School Council and Mini Vinnie sustainability drive and sold at the uniform stall on the 10th.

Uniform

Thank you for supporting the school's uniform policy. The standards are looking better than ever due to your continued efforts.

A reminder to label EVERYTHING and that trainers, cardigans and polo shirts are NOT school uniform.

We will alert you via a note or text if there is an issue with your child's uniform. Please let us know if we can help in any way



Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas jumper day

The School Council and Mini Vinnies are organising this year's Christmas Jumper Day—Tuesday 17th of December, which is also the day of the children's Christmas dinner and the panto. This year we are promoting sustainability through re-using Christmas jumpers and purchasing pre-loved jumpers at the Pre-loved Christmas jumper stall (10/12). No Christmas jumper? No problem! Purchase one at the 2 stalls for a decent price. Decorate a current jumper at home with Christmas paraphernalia. Wear red, green or purple clothes. We ask each child to bring in £1 to support the St Vincent de Paul Society at St Joan of Arc. They do an enormous amount of work to support families and individuals within the local community.

NB the rest of the uniform is still expected to be worn—it is just the school jumper/fleece that can be replaced with something festive.

Two out of five Christmas jumpers bought are only worn once. Then they end up in a landfill.

95% of novelty Christmas items are made from plastics.



School Christmas Dinner

This is taking place on Tuesday 17th December and will be provided by the kitchen as normal. If your child has a packed lunch, you may want to treat them to a festive packed lunch – no nuts. We will combine this event with Christmas Jumper Day. If your child has a festive jumper, they can wear that in replacement of their school jumper but the rest of the uniform needs to be worn. Please do not purchase a jumper especially for this, alternatively children can wear any jumper with festive colours – red, green, purple etc.





The Christmas School Disco is Back!



We are *thrilled* to announce the return of our **SJA Christmas Disco** on **Wednesday, 18th December 2024** – and it's going to be bigger, brighter, and more festive than ever! 🎉

Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready to boogie in your **most colourful and festive outfits**. Bring along a **soft drink** and a **packet of crisps** to enjoy during your disco slot – because it's all about fun, friends, and festive cheer! ✨

We haven't held this fabulous tradition since 2020, so we are *buzzing* to see it return. Let's make it a day to remember, filled with **amazing dance moves**, laughter, and Christmas spirit!



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10th December—Pre-loved Christmas Jumper stall

Wednesday 11th December— Christmas Concert in School Hall at 9 am for parents of **Part-time Nursery children and children in classes RA, 1C and 2E**

Thursday 12th December— Christmas Concert in School Hall at 9 am for parents of **Full-time Nursery children and children in classes RB, 1D and 2F**

Friday 13th December—PA meeting—8.45am

Tuesday 17th December—Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 18th December— Disco Day

Thursday 19th December—KS2 Christmas Concert 2pm

Friday 20th December – Christmas Mass – Led by Class 6N—9am

Monday 6th January—School re-opens

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Early school closure

Friday 20th Dec. the school will close at **1.30pm**. There will be no after school care provision on this day. Please ensure your child is collected at this time.

We re-open on **Monday 6th January**

