



Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

Rather than fill everyone's inboxes, we are sending out a "special edition" of the newsletter to clarify arrangements for the various upcoming performances for the children. Please do read carefully!

St Edward's First Children & Pre-School Siblings

All the children at school will be given the chance to see the other year groups perform during school time. There will **be no admittance to any performance** for any of our children unless they are actually performing. Please do not bring them as they will not be admitted.

As below, Pre-schoolers & babies are welcome to attend the 10am performance of the Y2 Nativity.

Cuckoo Club

Whilst we will keep Cuckoo Club open until 6pm on all performance dates, if you are able to collect your children before 5.30pm on these dates it would be much appreciated! The Cuckoo Club will migrate to the Sparrows class when the Courtyard is in use and collection will be from the Sparrows back door, beside the bike shed. Siblings of performing children booked into Cuckoo Club from 3.15pm will be kept until the performance has finished.

Y2 Nativity

There are 3 performances of the Y2 Nativity.

3rd December, Tuesday 6pm

4th December, Wednesday 10am

5th December, Thursday 6pm

Each child has two tickets. Parents & Carers can choose which of the evening performances these two tickets are used at – one each or both on one night. In order for us to manage the numbers please book using school cloud system which opens 8pm tomorrow (29th Nov) <https://stedwardscatholicfirstschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The children should be brought back to school for 5.30pm in loose clothing and crocs/sliders. The KS2 gate will be open for the children to access their classrooms.

If The Friends have enough volunteers, mince pies and mulled wine will be served in the courtyard from 5.30pm. Parents access to the hall will be from the courtyard at approximately 5.50pm.

After the show, the children will return to class and be fed out to parents into the courtyard.

If you are not attending a show, please be here to collect your child promptly at 7pm.

The 10am show is open and no tickets are needed. Pre-schoolers are welcome to attend this performance if you wish. The KS2 gates will open for attendees at 9.50am.

Y1 Carols in the Courtyard – Tuesday 10th December

Children should be brought back to school for 4.30pm in weather appropriate clothing – school uniform is not required.

The KS2 gate will open for children to go to the Y2 classrooms at 4.30pm and, again if there are enough volunteers, The Friends will serve mince pies and mulled wine in the courtyard between 4.30pm & 5pm. After the performance, the children will return to the Y2 classrooms and be fed out to you in the courtyard.

Due to space and fire safety regulations, no more than two attendees per child please. There is no need to book tickets for this performance.

If you are not attending, you should be here to collect your child at 5.30pm

Fledglings Nativity –12th December Thursday @ 2pm

There will be space for just 2 adults per child at this performance – no younger children please.

We will open the KS2 gates at 1.50pm for admittance.

After the show, the children will return to class and you may take them home. Unfortunately, we will not be able to release older siblings at this time and they will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm.

Y3 Carols in the Courtyard – Thursday 12th December

Children should be brought back to school for 4.30pm in weather appropriate clothing – school uniform is not required.

The KS2 gate will open for children to go to the Y2 classrooms at 4.30pm and, again if there are enough volunteers, The Friends will serve mince pies and mulled wine in the courtyard between 4.30pm & 5pm. After the performance, the children will return to the Y2 classrooms and be fed out to you in the courtyard.

Due to space and fire safety regulations, no more than two attendees per child please. There is no need to book tickets for this performance.

If you are not attending, you should be here to collect your child promptly at 5.30pm.

Y4 Evening Carol Concert @ St Edward's Church – Wednesday 18th December

Y4 children will walk to church after registration on Wednesday 18th December and attend 10am mass before spending the rest of the day practising for their performance. They will all need a packed lunch on this day. They will then walk back to school for the normal 3.15pm pick up.

Children should then be returned to the church in their school uniform, with long hair tied securely back, but without their coats, for 5.30pm.

This is an open performance; anyone is welcome to attend. No tickets or booking required.

Filming/Recording

George Riddell will be in school to film and record the EYFS, Y2 and Y4 performances and no photography or recording will be permitted at any of these performances. We will add the cost of the recording to your Scopay accounts accordingly and send them out to those who have paid as soon as they are available.

We will allow photographs at the Carols in the Courtyard but would advise that your child wants to see

you watching and supporting them – not the back of an i-phone!

Please ensure that no photos or recordings are placed on social media of any type.

Christmas Dinners

Key Stage 2 (Yr 3& 4) will enjoy their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 17th December. **Fledglings & KS1 will require a packed lunch** as we do not have kitchen capacity to cater for all pupils on the one day.

Key Stage 1 (Yr 1&2) & Fledglings will enjoy their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 18th December. KS2 will require a packed lunch on Wednesday 18th December.

Thursday 19th December – Panto Day

All children should be in school on time wearing their school uniform but they may replace their school jumper with a Christmas one. We will travel to South Hill Park by coach and return to school for lunch. **There will be no Cuckoo Club open on Thursday 19th December.**

Friday 20th December – School Mass

We will finish off our term with Canon David celebrating a school mass for us after registration.

The term will end **at 2pm on Friday 20th December.** Please ensure you are here to collect your children promptly. **Cuckoo Club will be closed.**

Fundraising

As we have previously stated, we do not charge for tickets to watch performances and the money you pay for the recording goes straight to George for his services. We will therefore have a collection bucket out at the conclusion of each performance and on the gates on Panto day to support our chosen charity for this Christmas - the Lowe family's participation in the Alexander Devine Santa Dash. Details of the reason for their run, or online donations, can be found at <https://alexanderdevine.enthuse.com/pf/emma-low>

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