



Advent/Christmas Update of Events



St. Joseph's RC Primary School

As a result of the current coronavirus pandemic we have made a number of changes to our usual Christmas activities this year. Please see the changes below:



Advent

Advent begins on Sunday 29th November– this is a time of preparation and reflection leading up to Christmas when we remember baby Jesus being born. Throughout advent our school family and wider community will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

During Advent we will be collecting donations of food for our local foodbank. Foodbanks have done a remarkable job in helping support families, within our community, throughout lockdown and we would like to help them out during this advent season.

We understand that this can be a difficult time financially for families, particularly this year, and for that reason there is no expectation that anyone contributes. If you wish to make a contribution to the foodbank appeal there will be signposted drop off points around the main entry points to school where you can place your donations.



Christmas Lunch

On **Tuesday 15th December** we will be holding our Christmas lunch in school. This year it will be slightly different to usual, the children will have lunch in their classrooms with friends and their teachers. However, we are sure that this will still be a very memorable and special day for the children.

Christmas Cards

We will not be accepting Christmas cards and presents into school this year – as a staff we would much prefer donations to the Food Bank during these difficult times. The children will be making a personal Christmas card in school for another pupil in their class. All children will receive this personal Christmas card to take home at the end of term.





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Christmas Class Parties

Thursday 17th December will be Christmas Party Day for all of the children in school. Whilst party day will look different to usual, we are sure that our 'Covid friendly' activities, and party lunch, will be enjoyed by all. The children should arrive to school dressed for their class party. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat and suitable footwear for the occasion as they will be outside for break and lunchtime.



Christmas Performances

Whilst Christmas will look a little different in school this year, all children will be taking part in activities linked to our journey towards Christmas. We will not be able to share our Christmas activities first hand with parents in school, due to the current restrictions, however, we will be sharing some highlights on the website for you to enjoy. We will let you know when these are ready to watch.



School Blog



Please keep checking on our school blog for photographs and updates and to find out about all of the fun things that your child has been getting up to.

<http://www.st-josephsrc-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/>

Pleased note: School will **close on Friday 18th December** and will reopen to children on **Tuesday 5th January**.