



ST RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2022



We are delighted to return to a more normal Advent and Christmas this year and have lots of activities planned and dates for your diary for the children!

ADVENT MASS: Year 4 will be leading the whole school Advent Mass on Thursday 1st December at 10.00am - everyone is welcome to join as we start our Advent journey.



ADVENT REFLECTION: We will be holding reflection sessions during Advent at which the children can take time to reflect and pray together. These will take place on the three Monday's during December at 9.30am in the hall. Please see the diary overleaf for dates; everyone is welcome to join us.

CHRISTMAS CRIB BAGS: The children will be bringing home advent worship bags from Thursday 1st December. These are for you to share on the evening you have the bag as part of our advent journey and whole school community.



CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY DINNER: The Kitchen will be serving two festive meals with a Traditional Christmas Dinner on Thursday 8th December and a Party Dinner on Monday 19th December. All children in school can have a meal on these days even if they normally have sandwiches. Each meal costs £2.68 for children in Nursery or Years 3 to 6, meals for children in Reception, 1 and 2 are free under the Universal Infant School Meal Initiative.



If your child does usually have sandwiches but would like a school meal on either or both of these days, please complete the online form below and make a payment online at www.tameside.gov.uk (Nursery and Years 3 to 6 only) before Friday 18th November. Please be aware that orders will not be accepted after this date due to kitchen deadlines.

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED ONLINE BY COMPLETING THE ONLINE FORM AT

<https://forms.office.com/r/J5pTbXYMs>

YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE AN ORDER FORM IF YOUR CHILD NORMALLY HAS A SCHOOL MEAL

CHRISTMAS FAIR & NON-UNIFORM DAYS: The Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 9th December at 2.00pm in the School Hall and everyone is welcome. We will be having two non-uniform days in support of the Christmas Fair and ask for donations on these non-uniform days as follows;

Friday 2nd December - Chocolate Donations
Thursday 8th December - Bottle Donations - Jumper Day

EYFS NATIVITY: The children in Nursery and Reception Class will be performing a traditional Christmas Story in the School Hall on Wednesday 7th December at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to attend this fantastic event and we wish our children in EYFS good luck in their performance!



KS1 PRODUCTION: Year 1 and 2 will be sharing their Christmas Story in the School Hall on Wednesday 7th December at 1.30pm and 6.30pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the performances and are certain it will be a fun filled performance!

PARTY DAY! Christmas Party Day is on Monday 19th December. The children will have a day of Christmas fun including a visit from a very special guest - this is an own clothes day too so get your party clothes on!

CHRISTMAS DISCO: We are excited to announce that we will be holding our Christmas Disco for the children after school on Monday 19th December. We are working to provide a fun evening for the children and there will be two sessions - one for the children in Nursery to Year 2 at 4.00pm and the second for the children in Year's 3-6 at 5.45pm. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information!

There will be a DJ, Party Games and Prizes and a Photobooth with unlimited photographs for the children to enjoy. Additionally, we will return to a tuck shop, sweet stall and lucky dip along with other activities on the night, a price list will be sent home prior to the disco so you know how much money your child will need.



MONDAY 19th DECEMBER 2022

EYFS, Year 1 & 2
4.00pm-5.30pm

Please bring the children to school through the main reception entrance
At 5.30pm please collect your child from the following doors - Year 3 for Reception, Year 1 for Year 1 and Year 2 for Year 2.

Years 3-6
5.45pm-7.15pm

Please bring the children to school through the main reception entrance.
At 7.15pm please collect your child from the following doors - Year 1 for Year 6, Year 2 for Year 5 and Year 3 for Year 3 and 4.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION: Any children who still require after school provision on this date will be accommodated in a classroom and can be collected from the main reception.

CHRISTMAS & PARISH MASS: There will be a Whole School and Community Mass led by Year 6 on Thursday 15th December at 10.00am to which everyone is welcome.

Please visit the Church Website for up-to-date information about Advent & Christmas Mass times at St Peter's & St Raphael's Church in Stalybridge at www.stpetersandstraphaels.org.

School closes at 3.15pm on Tuesday 20th December 2022
School opens at 8.45am on Wednesday 4th January 2023

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

NOVEMBER 2022		
Friday 18 th	Last Day - Festive Dinner Orders	9.15am
DECEMBER 2022		
Thursday 1 st	Whole School & Community Advent Mass - Year 4 Lead Christmas Crib Bags	10.00am NA
Friday 2 nd	Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations - Thank You	All Day
Monday 5 th	Advent Reflection Session 1	9.30am
Wednesday 7 th	EYFS - Nursery & Reception Nativity Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play	9.15am 1.30pm & 6.30pm
Thursday 8 th	Non-Uniform Day - Bottle Donations - Thanks you - Jumper Day Christmas Dinner - Order Deadline 18.11.22	All Day Lunchtime
Friday 9 th	Christmas Fair	2.00pm
Monday 12 th	Advent Reflection Session 2	9.30am
Thursday 15 th	Whole School & Community Christmas Mass - Year 6 Lead	10.00am
Monday 19 th	Advent Reflection Session 3 Party Day - Non-Uniform Day Party Dinner - Order Deadline 18.11.22 Christmas Disco	9.30am All Day Lunchtime See Flyer
Tuesday 20 th	School Closes for Christmas	3.15pm