



4th January 2012

Dear Parents,

A very Happy New Year. I hope that 2012 will be filled with good health and prosperity for all families and friends connected with our school.

I trust that you all had a most enjoyable Christmas.

Thank you so much for all your Christmas greetings and presents; the staff and I appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. Thank you.

Once again we have lots to achieve this term and look forward to the children challenging themselves and enjoying making progress in all areas of the curriculum.

School Closure Policy

We saw the effects of snow on the last day of term which caused disruption to our Christmas Mass and end of term disco. I hope that we manage to avoid any more snow making the roads and conditions difficult, however, please refer to the School Closure Policy which can be found in the school diary and also on the website with regard to the action we take should the school need to be closed.

Closing the school because of the weather is always a very difficult decision to make. I do take early advice from Mr Denson and make the decision based on Health and Safety for all. I also bear in mind that many of the staff as well as yourselves have a long journey to get into school. Another factor is that our dinner providers may not be able to operate.

Lost Property/Uniform

We are still having an enormous amount of items going missing, many of them are named but we still have some items that are difficult to return to their rightful owner as they have no name or the wrong name on them. I would appreciate all items being named please with sew-in labels where possible.

Just a reminder, all Pre Prep children should be wearing school caps or school winter boaters. All other hats should be **plain** red or black.

Clubs

Clubs begin week commencing 9th January.

Error! Amendment to Extra-Curricular Clubs Sheet – Week 7 is Half-Term and not as originally stated on Week 8.

Swimming

This term swimming begins on Thursday 12th January for P3 and P4; please ensure that your children have the correct kit, including a black or red swimming cap. Please note that goggles are only to be worn if parental permission is provided to the Swimming Service in writing. All letters are to be addressed to Mr A. Dawes, Swimming Co-Ordinator.

News

You may have read in the local press that Emma Jackson will be carrying the Olympic torch through the City of Stoke-on-Trent later in the year; Emma is an ex St Joseph's Pupil and we are very proud that she has been chosen to do this.

Diary dates so far for this half term

17 th Jan	Nurse Drop-In Session 3-4pm (No appointment is necessary)
24 th Jan	PP2 Assembly 3pm. Parents and Carers most welcome
25 th Jan	Cross Country event at Bedstone College
26 th Jan	Voluntaries Gymnastics U9/11 at St Dominic's Brewood
27 th Jan	Annual Royal National Life Boat SOS Appeal. This year the theme is "Going Fishing". Children will be provided with materials to design a fish. Children are asked to bring in a minimum donation of £1 for this worthy cause.
31 st Jan	PP1 Christingle / Candlemas Service 2-50pm. Parents and Carers most welcome
6 th Feb	Exam Week
10 th Feb	Break up for Half Term. (Holiday Club available – Booking Forms will be issued soon
20 th Feb	School re-opens.

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus

May your light shine our way

As once it guided the steps of the Magi

That we too may be led into your presence and worship you

The child of Mary

The word of the Father

The King of nations

The Saviour of mankind

To whom be glory for ever.

Amen



Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher