

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

8th December 2022 Newsletter



CHRISTMAS BREAK AND JANUARY INSET DAY

Our last day of the term is Wednesday 21st December and the children will be returning on Wednesday 4th January. We hope everyone has a fun and safe break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2023! The school will be closed to pupils on Friday 20th January 2023 for an INSET day.

HOMELESS SLEEPOVER

Last Friday, 57 children from Years 5 and 6 spent the night in school, learning about homelessness and sleeping on the hall floor. We are so proud of what they did and the money they raised - **£752** - for Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.



"REVERSE" ADVENT CALENDAR

Our annual "reverse" Advent calendar has now started providing another opportunity to support the Food Bank. Thank you so much for the donations received so far. We are collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries every school day during Advent. There will be a box at the school gate or school office where any donations can be placed. In this season of giving, can you spare some items? In particular, the following items would be most useful: Coffee, dried noodles, squash, long life milk, tinned meat and fish, tinned fruit and vegetables, rice, pasta sauce, sugar, tinned spaghetti, oil and toiletries, including deodorant, toilet rolls, washing powder and disposable razors.



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The children will be having their Christmas lunch **tomorrow** on **Friday 9th December**, to help celebrate this special lunch children may wear a Christmas jumper over their normal school uniform on this day if they wish to. No money needs to be paid to wear a jumper.



CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas performances are underway and we still have a few left. Please see below for dates and times of our shows.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance in Our Lady of the Angels Church	Tuesday 13th December	2:00pm
	Wednesday 14th December	7:00pm
Mr Robinson's Christmas concert in Our Lady of the Angels Church	Friday 16th December	7:00pm

We would like to remind all those at the performances of the following:

There should be no photography during Christmas performances.

Experience suggests that flashes distract the children from their acting, speaking and singing. There will be an opportunity to take photographs at the end of each performance or to **download some of the images that have been uploaded to the school website.**



Consider carefully the appropriateness of younger children being in the audience.

These performances are about the children on the stage. We would ask that parents consider whether these younger siblings will be able to sit quietly for what can be a long period of time and enjoy the show. If younger children do become restless or noisy we would be grateful if they could be removed from the audience quickly.



The importance of being seated before the performance begins.

From time to time unforeseen circumstances emerge that we have no control over. The school would ask that all guests arrive in good time for all Christmas performances and not after they have begun. It is disruptive for the rest of the audience and more importantly unsettling for children (who are often anxious to know their special guests are there to see the whole performance).



The purpose of this guidance is to ensure that the central focus of the performance is the children who have worked so hard to prepare. Thank you as always for your support in this.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND NON UNIFORM DAY

On **Wednesday 21st December**, the last day of term, children are invited to come in wearing their own clothes. Please ensure the children have appropriate shoes for break and lunch and will be warm enough throughout the day.



CLUBS

Clubs finish this week. This means there will be no clubs after Friday 9th December. Clubs will resume for the Spring term week beginning 9th January. More information will follow shortly.

SCHOOL MILK

You can register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com/register. Please note, if your child is under 5 you do not need to register them, they will automatically receive their free milk.





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Register your child today!

Is your child entitled to FREE milk?

Child under 5?

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.

 Register your child online for FREE school milk today.

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RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2023

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 and you would like to apply for a place at St Fidelis in Reception for September 2023, it is important that you submit your application soon. Parents and carers will need to collect and return a supplementary form to the School Office by **12pm 16 January 2023** (as well as completing the Bexley online form by the closing date of **15 January 2023**).

The school has an open morning for admission to Reception for September 2023 on **Friday 6 January 2023 at 9:30am**.



PARENT MEETINGS

Please note meetings will be recorded and put onto the school website if you are unable to attend.

Who the meeting is for	Theme	Date and Time	Google meet code
Nursery and Reception parents	Ready to learn in the Early Years Foundation Stage	Tuesday 13th December at 9:00am	In person at the school

ASSEMBLIES

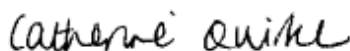
Here is a list of all the class assemblies which we have next half term. Please note these are always on a Friday, starting promptly at 2:45pm. Parents are more than welcome to attend their child's class assembly which will be held in the school hall.

Friday 13th January	Year 6 Woodpeckers
Friday 27th January	Year 5 Flamingoes
Friday 3rd February	Year 4 Puffins

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Head Teacher



Catherine Quirke
Head of School