

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

18 November 2021 Newsletter



FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

This week is anti-bullying week. We would like to invite everyone to come to school wearing odd socks tomorrow, on Friday 19th November to celebrate the week in a positive way and show how we are all unique. We can't wait to see you all in your school uniform and your odd socks!



YEAR 3 COMMITMENT MASS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our school Mass on Sunday evening for the Year 3 First Holy Communion Commitment Mass. Our Key Stage 2 choir sang beautifully and helped to make this spiritual experience even more special for our Year 3 children.



PAPAL BLESSINGS

We would like to thank two retired members of staff, Margaret Turner and Pat Wall, for everything they have done for our school community. On Sunday during our school Mass they each received a Papal blessing for their dedication to St Fidelis. Between them they have given fifty years of service to St Fidelis.



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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

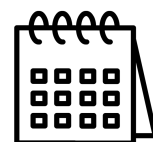
We would like to share with you some **provisional** dates for Christmas performances for this year when we hope to welcome you into the school hall or Our Lady of the Angels Church. The provisional dates are:

	Date	Time and Venue
Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance	Monday 6th December 2021	2:00pm School Hall
Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance	Tuesday 7th December 2021	10:00am School Hall
Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance	Thursday 9th December 2021	2:00pm School Hall
Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance	Friday 10th December 2021	10:00am School Hall
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 14th December 2021	2:00pm Our Lady of the Angels Church
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance	Wednesday 15th December 2021	7:00pm Our Lady of the Angels Church

More information will be provided closer to the time.

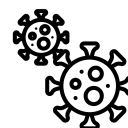
EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY

Schools have been asked to add a 'bank holiday in lieu' to their calendars in order to celebrate the extra bank holiday that is being added for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is because this falls within our May half term when the children are already off. Due to this the school will be closed on Thursday 21st July 2022. This means that the children's last day at school for this academic year will be Wednesday 20th July 2022. We hope the children enjoy this additional day off of school to be with their families.



COVID CASES RISING

With transmission rates of the infection rising nationally and in our local community and new positive cases being identified, we have been asked by Public Health Bexley to remind everyone of some measures we can all take to keep ourselves and others safe.



- If you are over the age of 18, or you have a child over the age of 12, get vaccinated.
- If you are in a busy or enclosed area, wear a mask.
- If you don't have symptoms, carry out twice weekly testing using lateral flow tests.
- If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, get a PCR test.

ONE WEEK TO GO!

A festive chance to reconnect with our Parish...



Our Lady of the Angels Parish fundraising event Christmas coffee, cake and craft day

Saturday 27th November 11:00am to 4:00pm
In the Angelus Centre

Donations of new items are welcome:

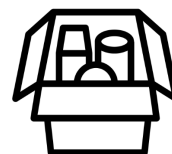
- Chocolates
- Cakes
- Christmas food and drink for the hamper raffle
- New 'Christmas' themed items e.g. candles, decorations and gifts

Donations can be left in the box at the back of Our Lady of the Angels Church or sent into school. Cakes should be taken directly to the Angelus Centre on Friday 26th November between 3:00pm and 4:00pm or brought to the Angelus Centre on the day.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

"REVERSE" ADVENT CALENDAR

Our annual "reverse" Advent calendar will start again from Monday 29th November providing another opportunity to support our own Food Bank here at the school. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries every school day during Advent. There will be a box at the school gate where any donations can be placed daily. 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.



SAYER'S CROFT BRIEFING - YEAR 5 PARENTS

The Sayer's Croft briefing for Year 5 parents is on **Tuesday 30th November** at 9am. This is a virtual meeting. Please use Google Meet and the joining link is: <https://meet.google.com/sko-ujgu-qug>

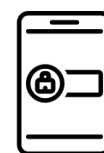
SAYER'S CROFT BRIEFING - YEAR 4 PARENTS

The Sayer's Croft briefing for Year 4 parents is on **Monday 6th December** at 9am. This is a virtual meeting. Please use Google Meet and the joining link is: <https://meet.google.com/zkv-mxxu-wnj>

ADMISSIONS

The application period is open for reception admissions. Reception applications will close on the **15th January 2022**. Parents can apply for schools via Bexley by using the following link; <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

A copy of the relevant admissions brochure will be sent to parents separately via MCAS.



OPEN DAYS

We are holding several open mornings for Reception over the coming months as follows; **26th November, 8th December and 7th January**. There is no need to book but please note they will start promptly at 9.30am and last approximately 1 hour.

PRIEST SIGNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNING SCHOOL FORMS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSIONS TO ST FIDELIS

Our Lady of the Angels, is offering individual appointments to sign school forms for entry into St Fidelis Catholic Primary in September 2022. Appointment times are listed on the parish website so parents can book a time slot through the parish appointments page:

<https://www.olaerith.org.uk/appointments>



Yours sincerely,

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