

26th November 2021

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



This Week

Winter weather

As the weather changes and we begin to see more ice and snow forecast. We remind parents that during periods of inclement weather a safe route will be marked out in and around the grounds. Please ensure that you and your children stick to the safe routes on site at all time.

Children in Need

A huge thank you to you all for supporting our children to attend school last week dressed in spots and bright colours for Children in Need. We were able to raise much needed funds for this very worthy charity and we also love to support charities where children can raise money for other children.



Foodbank Donations

As part of our school's poverty proofing policy, we kindly ask that any gifts for staff are in the form of donations for the local foodbank, to help people in need this Christmas. We will be collecting throughout the period of Advent and would greatly appreciate any donations to support such a worthy cause.

Attendance

As a school, we aim for class attendance to be at 97% or better. We recognise that due to COVID-19, there will be a slight decline in figures. We appreciate your efforts to ensure your child's attendance is as positive as possible over the course of this academic year.

Year Group	Overall %
Reception	90
Year 1	95.4
Year 2	100
Year 3	99.2
Year 4	97.8
Year 5	96.9
Year 6	100

Christmas Tree Lighting

The switch on of Blackhall's Christmas Tree Lights will take place on Monday 29th November at 4PM on Chickens Green. We welcome families and children to join us for some songs and to join in the festive spirit.



Upcoming Events

- First Sunday of Advent 28th November
- Christmas Tree Lighting Monday 29th November
- Christmas Party Day Monday 13th December
- Christmas Performances available to view on the website Monday 13th December
- Christmas Dinner Wednesday 15th December
- Break up for Christmas Holidays Friday 17th December
- Children return to school Tuesday 4th January

Earrings

We are still seeing children in school wearing earrings. Can I please remind you that it is school policy for all earrings to be removed. If you would like to discuss this policy with school I would ask that you give us a call.

Statement to Live By

Our Statement to live by this week will be 'Simple things can make us happy'

Please make the opportunity to talk about this with your child. It will be the focus of Collective Worship throughout the week.



Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

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