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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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We are about to enter the third week of Advent and Christmas gets ever closer! Lots of Christmas details this week.

Christmas Production

While we are unable to enjoy live our annual Christmas Productions, the children and staff have been hard at work! I am delighted to say we have a 'Virtual Christmas Celebration' that all the classes have contributed to, so you will be able to sit and enjoy this in the comfort of your own homes, with a mince pie and glass of something. Your child's production will be available to view on their Class page on eSchools from Thursday 17th December. Please call the school office if you have any problems accessing. The safeguarding of our children is very important, so please do not share the link with others.

Christmas Panto - 'Covidella and the Masked Ball'

As a small way of saying thank you to the children for being so stoic these past months, we have booked an online pantomime, 'Covidella and the Masked Ball'.

This is being streamed exclusively to schools across the UK and our children will get a chance to enjoy this next week in their classroom. Your child is invited to bring in a drink and a small snack to have on the day they will be watching the performance. **Rec and Y1 - Monday, Y2 & Y3 - Tuesday, Y4 & Y5 - Wednesday and Y6 - Thursday.**

There is no charge for this as our friends at 'Aspire People', who help us with teacher cover, are going to cover the cost - many thanks to them!

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 16th December 2020

We look forward to the celebration on Wednesday - Janis and the team are hard at work getting ready! Please note there will be no tuck next Wednesday or Friday. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see so many different Christmas jumpers today. It made the school very festive! We managed to raise **£164.50** for Birmingham Children's Hospital - many thanks.

Bambinelli

Every December, children in Rome, where the Pope lives, take their baby Jesus ornaments (called Bambinelli) to the Vatican to be blessed by the Pope. We will be celebrating this here in school on Monday. The children have made their own Bambinelli in class and will hold a short liturgy and their ornaments will receive a virtual blessing from Father Vitalis. They will wrap the Bambinelli and bring them home to share with you.

Online Learning Questionnaire

Thank you to all the people who have returned the questionnaire given out last week. The closing date for return is Wednesday 16th December 2020, so you still have time to go into the draw for the £10 Gift Token that is on offer for each class! The winners will be announced when we return from the Christmas break.





End of Term - Friday 18th December 2020

This will be a Non-Uniform Day - no charge.

School will close for the Christmas holidays after lunch.

Children should be collected from their usual playgrounds at the following times:

12.45 pm - Year 1, 4, 5 and 6 1 pm - Reception, Year 2 and 3

The staggered finish times, as you know, are to avoid too many people being at school at one time, and so aid social distancing. School will open for all children on Tuesday 5th January 2021, following the Teacher Day on Monday 4th January 2021.

Values and Virtues

We are continuing to be 'Intentional and Prophetic'.

Congratulations to Eliana (RCT) and Daisi-Mai (4B) who are the winners of the certificates this week.

Behaviour Awards

Blue Badges: Mason B, Diaraye, George-Arthur, David S, Rabia, Javeria, Avyanna, Aroosh, Tafari

Pink Badges: Reico-J, Mateus, Benjamin, Michelle, Ali, Louie, Klay, Ava, Niamh, Elis, Jameelah, Jennaye, Catalin, Oliver C, Jack, Julia

Purple Badges: Gracie, Cecilia

STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Nursery	Mason
Reception CT	Maddox
Reception SS	Alessia
Year 1M	Michelle
Year 1GP	Cecilia
Year 2B	Daan
Year 2G	Zimal
Year 3C	Sophia-Rose
Year 3M	Ghazi
Year 4B	Alfie, Nevaeh
Year 4P	Heinrich, Ibrahim
Year 5B	Freya, Denusun, Aammar, Ellie-May
Year 5M	Orlando
Year 6G	Alfie
Year 6TW	Sebastian
WISE OWL AWARD	Shayne (6TW)
MUSIC AWARD	Christian (6TW)

Well done everyone!

Thank you all, parents and staff, for the tremendous resilience, good humour and support over the last months. Through the whole community working together, we are managing to keep the difficulties of this time at bay, and give some stability to the children in our school community.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

R Baker and staff

