



# ST AGNES Catholic Primary School

*With Jesus beside us, we do our best*

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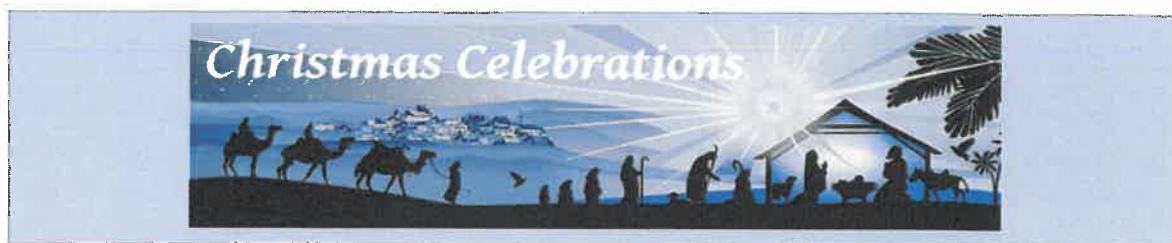
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Dear Parents,

We are well into The Season of Advent, where we prepare to welcome Jesus into our lives at Christmas. As part of our Nativity celebrations KS2 (Y3-Y6) have prepared a powerpoint in place of the usual carol service at Our Lady and St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. It is designed to be interactive. Join in with staff and pupils as you prepare for Christmas. The infants (EYFS, Y1 and Y2) have put together a Covid friendly nativity. It is posted on our website <https://www.st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk/> Just click this image on the website and enjoy!



## **Assessments**

Teachers have completed all assessments and analysed the results to determine gaps. These will be addressed through pupil progress meetings in the New Year and feedback on your child's progress will be communicated to you in early 2021. Thank you for your continued support with home learning. Reading with your children is the most important support you can provide as parents, from encouraging your child to learn high frequency words: 45 in Reception, 100 in Y1 and a further 100 in Y2 to building up stamina and pace when reading. It is important to discuss the meaning of new words you find in books and talk about events in the story to develop their language and imagination.

Year Two have completed the Phonics Screening Check. This is usually done in Year 1 but was cancelled during lockdown. There will be a second chance to take this test for some Year Two children in the Summer term.

## **Christmas Festivities**

Christmas Lunch has been and gone – It was last Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Tomorrow is PARTY DAY. Pupils may wear their party clothes. Voluntary contributions to cover costs can be made via Parent mail under Shop-Christmas Parties 2020.

## **Christmas Fundraising**

Our Christmas Charity continues to be **The Bow Food Bank**. Donations can be made via Parent Mail. The Bow Food Bank is in desperate need of donations to provide food for the growing numbers of people using their service. Anything you can afford would be greatly appreciated by them.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster

*Tower Hamlets Education Authority*

## Remote Learning Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Just a quick reminder that the date above is a remote learning day. Those children using Google Classrooms can access it by logging in using their google classroom account details. There is information on the school website under the **Resources for learning at Home tab** to support access to this.

### Covid End of term advice for Schools

Schools have been asked to provide a 6 day window after the final day of school based teaching in which they are to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary.

Therefore for the first 6 days after teaching ends if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, St. Agnes School is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advise self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. This should be done by contacting us at [info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching in school. St Agnes' last school based teaching day is on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. There should be no pupil contact tracing asked beyond **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term should they still be within their isolation period.

### Thank you

Thank you to all our parents for their kindness this term. We know this has been a tough time for many of you. We are very grateful for your continued support. One very kind parent sent in a cake for all staff made by another one of our parents today. It is so lovely I just wanted to share a picture of it with you.



We wish you a very happy and safe Christmas and a peaceful New Year. See you all again on **the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

With best wishes



Ms B McDaid

HEADTEACHER