



# St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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## **NEWSLETTER NO 15: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of Term 2 and the children have enjoyed Christmas festivities within school. During these last weeks, every child has been involved in one of our Advent preparations and celebrations and the response we received from these was overwhelmingly positive. My thanks to the children for their enthusiastic performances as well as all the staff for their hard work in preparing these events.

### **KS2 Advent Carol Concert**

Key Stage Two children worked very hard to prepare and lead a reverent and uplifting Advent service performed on our school playground on Monday afternoon. The children behaved excellently and sang beautifully. Thankfully the weather was kind to us. Thank you to all the parents who supported the children.

### **Christmas Appeal – Wisdom Hospice**

During our Christmas events we have been raising money for the wisdom hospice appeal. Thank you for your generosity. We have raised £116.00 for The Wisdom Hospice.

### **Christmas Lunch**

The children all looked fantastic wearing their Christmas jumpers and thoroughly enjoyed their delicious Christmas lunches on Wednesday. Well done to Nicola and her team from the Contract Dining Company, our very talented cooks, who presented a superb Christmas dinner – thank you!

### **Parent Governor Appointments**

Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mr Brent who have agreed to stand as our parent governors.

### **Literacy**

On January 11th a national competition is being launched by the Literacy Trust called We Wonder: Protect our Planet. We will be working closely with the eco warriors to investigate climate change and reflect on our own role within St. William of Perth and how we can have an impact by changing our own behaviours. Pupils will be asked to use the school library to research and then create their own campaign poster. In addition to the use of the books in the library, we have been so lucky to be one of 100 schools who will be receiving a free box of books from a supporting publisher to help the children. These books will be a welcome addition to our school library. We will update you with more information in January.

### **Celebration Certificates**

Well done to those children who received a certificate from their teacher for their hard work this term. These certificates recognised the children's academic achievements, attitudes to learning, resilience and politeness and manners.





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## Safeguarding

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.msab.org.uk/>

To view or download a copy of a parent guide from NSPCC about 'PANTS' and how to keep your child safe from abuse click the link below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

## E-Safety

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> The site is produced by the NSPCC and provides lots of parental resources and guides for apps, games and social media sites.

## Medway GO – Christmas Holiday Clubs

Medway Council are working with local organisations to offer children fun activity clubs this Christmas. Medway Go will run between Saturday 18th and Thursday 30th December. Free places in clubs for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Children will get to try out lots of fun activities, from sports and drama to arts and trampolining. A daily tasty and nourishing meal is also included. To find out more about the activity clubs and book your place visit <https://go.medway.gov.uk>

St. William of Perth will be hosting one of the Medway Go Christmas Holiday clubs from Monday 20th December to Wednesday 22nd December.

## St John Fisher Parish Christmas Mass Times & Events

Please find below the times of church Masses over the Christmas period.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve 7:00pm Mass of Christmas Vigil

11.30pm Christmas Carols 12:00am Midnight Mass of the Nativity of our Lord

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day The Nativity of The Lord—Mass at 10:00am

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December – 9am/11am/6pm Masses Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December – 10am Mass Saint John, Apostle

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December No Masses

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 6:30pm Mass & Benediction New Year's Eve

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 – 9am Adoration, 10am Mass Solemnity Mary Mother of God

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – 9am/11am/6pm Masses Solemnity The Epiphany of the Lord

## Catholic Church - St John Fisher Catholic Church

## Next term

**Children return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

## Contract Dining

Please see attached menu for your information. Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> January, week 1: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January – please note Thursday's lunch option will be served on the Wednesday and Wednesday's lunch on Thursday.

On behalf of the staff, I thank you for all the cards, presents and Christmas messages that we have received.

I hope you all have a Happy, Restful and Healthy Christmas and New Year!

Yours sincerely,

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## If the weather should become severe

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service.

As a fundamental principle, every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However, schools may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Those circumstances being that it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite. We recognise that it is important our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice this winter by gritting pathways, clearing access points etc. However, if we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, we may have to take the decision to close the school. In the first instance please check the school website: [www.stwilliamofperth.org.uk](http://www.stwilliamofperth.org.uk) where a notification will be posted or check your email for a message from the school via ParentMail. Alternatively, you can go online to see if the school is closed at Kent County Council's school closures page or tune into RADIO KENT (96.7FM, 104.2FM or 97.6FM, website [www.bbc.co.uk/kent](http://www.bbc.co.uk/kent)) or HEART FM (103.1FM or 102.8FM, website [www.heart.co.uk/kent](http://www.heart.co.uk/kent)) or KMFM (106fm, website [www.kentschoolclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentschoolclosures.co.uk)) to listen to the School Closure messages.

What can you do to help?

- Please visit [www.kent.gov.uk/winter](http://www.kent.gov.uk/winter) for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey.
- Don't forget suitable warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing (please ensure that all clothing is clearly named).
- If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if weather dictates. If you would be willing to help Mr Mennie (Caretaker), clear snow, should we have any, please email [office@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk) or call into the school office. We will then be able to add your details to our list.

