

St James the Less Splash News

Week Beginning 14th December 2020

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Final Splashnews for 2020

I would like to thank you all for your support during this term. The way in which our children have coped through the many restrictions has been admirable and due in large part to you and your support. It has been a difficult term for everyone, but the spirit of our school has seen us emerge the first term with our sanity (most of us!!!). I would also like to register appreciation for the outstanding fundraising carried out by our community. Despite lockdown and impact on businesses the fundraising is an outstanding reflection of the generous nature of this community.

Once again, your generosity has continued and, even during a pandemic with all the hygiene controls, you have even found a way to send your messages of appreciation, cards and gifts to us all in school. We don't expect it, but we really love the efforts that you have gone to. Thank you for all your lovely contributions to the school staff. More than ever, they have gone above and beyond in this term and your appreciation for their efforts is very well received by them. My sincere thanks to them for their outstanding professionalism and dedication to this school.

Video Treats

We knew we would not be able to do a production this year, so the infant teachers made sure that the final assemblies were more Christmassy than previous years. Even through self isolation our Reception class have managed to help us put a video together (thank you reception families—we know this was a challenge) Honestly folks, EVERYONE needs to watch this. We've even put the outtakes in at the end so have a laugh. Live from Friday and available for at least a week.

Advent Video

Catholic schools across the valley all linked up to tell different parts of the nativity. This is on our school website.

Treats from Father Tony

Every child has received a selection box from Father Tony. For any children not in school we will keep theirs until the new year (don't worry... nothing will perish).

Treat for Self-Isolating Children

Doubtless you will all be wondering about the children who missed out on their Christmas parties and other fun stuff throughout the last few weeks, especially Reception and Year 4. Worry not, the teachers have already been thinking of things and have lots of plans to rectify this. **Party Day- Reception and Year 4 – 6th January 2021. Own clothes can be worn on party day.**

Due to disruption on their families, it would be great if we could take their parents out too (brewery/wine tasting/tea-room). If only we could.

Special Treat—Year 4 Children

As Year 4 have had a double whammy we will give them a special treat later in the year (no cost to families).

Best Wishes Everyone

Finally, I must acknowledge that this will be a different Christmas for almost all of us and there will be some real sadness for many. I sincerely hope that your Christmas is the best it can possibly be and that you all have a blessed, happy and holy Christmas. See you on 4th January 2021.

God bless,

Mr Hall

Christmas celebrations

Our Christmas tree in our entrance area has been expertly decorated by some Y6 volunteers. It looks absolutely splendid!



Isaac and Poppy, proud of their work!



Winners of the Y6 class quiz, Tilly, Charlotte, Oscar & James.

Christmas dinner was a great success and a huge THANK YOU must go to our team in the kitchen who served 134 pupil meals and 18 adult meals.

It wouldn't be Christmas without a party and all the classes who were in school last week had their class parties.



Y6 prize winner, Abbey



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PPTA Noticeboard

Calendar

Thank you to everyone who bought our calendars. If only all our Christmas shopping was as easy as this! A special thank you to our sponsors for their financial contributions. It's great to have some new sponsors joining those who have sponsored our calendar for several years. Thank you to all.

Raffle

Thank you to all who donated items and bought raffle tickets. We will let you know the winners as soon as raffle is drawn.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PPTA Helpers and contributors. Despite many restrictions, so many people have given their time so that the school can receive much needed fundraising. Thank you for all you do!

Children's Liturgy Group

There will be an online children's liturgy group on Sundays at 10.30am. It will run for about 20-30 minutes. If you and your children would like to join in please email Helen: hholmyard@epbitumen.com

Christmas Holidays

School closes on Friday 18th December at 3.15pm. We return on Monday 4th January at 8.35am in readiness for 8.45am start.

Hospice Penny Pinching

The total amount raised was **£4,476.61** with our contribution coming to **£140.28**. Thank you to all who donated.

IMPORTANT DATE

The closing date for Primary school applications is 15th January 2021.

All applications to be done on-line.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Remember to complete a supplementary information form/application faith request and return to our school office. This form is available on our website, go to parents/policies and documents/application faith request.

Christmas Masses

Please have a look at St James the Less Church facebook page for information on Mass during the Christmas period. Places at Masses have to be booked. If you are unable to book places or to get to Mass you can take part when the Mass is uploaded to the church fb.

School Dinners

Our system for selecting school meals for your child/ren allows you to choose a specific meal for your child. Please make every effort to book meals for your child/ren for the entire month to ensure the smooth running of this system. Meals are available to book and the closing date to book January meals is Christmas eve! Please do not leave it to the last minute to book meals. Meals can be booked up to the end of the Spring term!!

Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 will continue with their swimming lessons on Wednesdays during the Spring term. The first lesson will be on 6th January. Please remember swimming kits!

Year 5 Skiing

Year 5 will start their skiing lessons on Wednesday 6th January. These lessons will run up to the Easter holiday. Please remember skiing kits!

Year 6 Skiing

Year 6 will resume their skiing lessons on Thursday 7th January. These lessons will run up to Easter. Please remember skiing kits!

Birthdays since last Splashnews

Happy birthday to Rosie (Y2) and Lilly-Rose (Y1). We hope they had a great day.

Birthday this Week

Happy birthday to Isaac (Y1). We hope he has a great day.

Birthdays during the Holidays

Happy birthday to Alfie (Y4), Tilly (Y3), Aisha (Y6), Oscar (Y6), Rohan (Y3), Inayah (Y5), Eddie (Y1) and Matilda (Y6). We hope they have a great day.



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