

# St Albert's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter Wednesday, 16 December 2020

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### Reminder

We close to children on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December between 1pm and 1.15pm. Friday will be classed as an INSET day for staff and will replace an inset day in the New Year.

Please make sure that you are prepared for collecting your children. Staggered times will still be in place and follow the same pattern. Please see below

### Last Day

On the last day we close at 1pm. The organisation for this will be the same as it has been since September. I.e. children will come out of the same gates that they have been using since September.

3pm children should be collected at 1pm  
3.05pm children should be collected at 1.05pm  
3.10pm children should be collected at 1.10pm  
3.15pm children should be collected at 1.15pm

Please note that parents will not be able to collect their children earlier as we do not have staff to facilitate this.

### Christmas Activities this week

We have continued to have fun this week with our KS2 Jingle Bell Balls and our awards assembly. We will finish the week off tomorrow with a school reflection tomorrow. This is a quiet time for us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas before the children break up.

### Christmas Plays

We hope that you all managed to see the Christmas Plays last week. The system meant that some of you may have had a slight delay but I am hoping that we got there in the end. They were both delightful and a credit to everyone who worked so hard. The link will remain live so that you can continue viewing them.

### Mrs Westhead

We said a school goodbye to Mrs Westhead on Monday and we hope that she has had a lovely last week. We wish Mrs Westhead lots of lovely new adventures and we are sure that she will continue to be a regular visitor to school. I am sure that I speak for all our parents as I say a huge thank you for everything that Mrs Westhead has done for St Albert's.

### ESM

The government have announced that children in receipt of Free School Meals will be given a voucher via the Wonde system for the two weeks that we are off. Miss Jewel has organised this and you should have now received a text from Wonde. Please make sure that you address this immediately as we will not be available to sort out any issues once school has finished.

### Potential COVID Positive cases after school closes

A letter has been sent home this evening with details relating to contacting school if children contract COVID 48 hours after school closes.

Please make sure that you keep safe.

Anyone who contracts COVID after school closes on Thursday will still need to inform school so that we can contact any close contacts and make sure that the necessary people isolate. In order to do this, you will need to send an email to school and we will look at the emails on a daily basis up until 23<sup>rd</sup> December. If necessary, we will then complete the contact tracing. Please be aware that it may be necessary for school to contact you over the holidays and advise you that your child needs to isolate for a specified number of days. Hopefully this will not be necessary as numbers of positive cases have dropped significantly.

You can contact the school over the holidays on [stalbert@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stalbert@knowsley.gov.uk) and leave a message. Please note that this will be COVID related only and no other messages will be responded to. You will need to inform us of the following

- Name
- Date of Birth
- postcode
- Class
- Date of positive test
- Date of onset of symptoms (this is important as we need to determine whether children were in school when they were contagious)

Please note that you will not have to inform us if your child is symptomatic or they have received a negative test. It is only **positive** tests that we will need to be made aware of.

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### Life after lockdown at St Albert's

#### Symptoms

Please remember - if you, or anyone in your household, starts to experience symptoms, it is important that you isolate and book a test. The main COVID-19 symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

You can book a test online at

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

As we return to school after the holidays please take advantage of the asymptomatic test sites that are now in Knowsley and please ensure that children are not sent back to school in January if they have symptoms or have been in close contact with a positive case. This will be particularly important if we are to continue to ensure that school is as safe as possible.

#### Christmas Masses

Please see below the times for St Albert's Church Christmas Masses.

7.00 pm Christmas Eve, 12.00 midnight, and 10.00 am Christmas Day.

### Christmas Wishes

After the year that we have had I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents of St Albert's. Together we have ensured that our children returned to school happily and safely. We wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and will look forward to seeing you all in when we return to school.

### Returning to school

We return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. All systems that are currently in place will remain and therefore children will still come into school at staggered times.

### PE Days for January

Y1 - Wednesday

Y2 - Monday & Tuesday

Y3 - Tuesday & Friday

Y4 - Wednesday & Thursday

Y5 - Monday & Thursday

Y6 - Thursday & Friday

### Thought for the Week

"From the grotto of Bethlehem, from every crib, comes an announcement for all: Jesus loves us and teaches us to love."



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