



ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEBBURN

December 2023

Dear Families,

Our children and staff are really looking forward to a well-deserved Christmas break with their families. We have had some truly wonderful performances, parties, and experiences together this term and have really felt a whole Catholic Community Spirit from everyone. Thank you so very much.

Christmas Eve Mass

Children and families are warmly invited to "Carols around the Crib" at St James Church before Christmas Eve Mass at 6:30pm. It is advised to arrive early as this is really a lovely and very popular service. There are plans for the children during the service. Please return your slip if you intend to come along at 6:30pm with your child. This is so that preparations can be made for those who take part.

Attendance

As you are aware Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust use a traffic light system to monitor the attendance of children in school. This week you will receive attendance letters indicating where on this traffic light system your child's attendance is. This is for your information only. **We will only be in contact with you if we feel that your child's attendance requires further support.**

After School Sports Clubs

Club will commence from the second week of the Spring Term. These clubs are really popular and spaces are issued on a first come first served basis. Your child will be issued with forms on the first week back of the Spring term. These forms must be returned to your child's **Class Teacher** in order to secure a space. We cannot accept returns at the school office as the classrooms have their own individual lists. This is to keep it as fair as possible when allocating spaces to children.

Uniform

A reminder we are no longer taking orders for school uniform at the school office. Uniform orders can now be made directly with our uniform supplier Emblematic at @studentuniform.co.uk/stjps099. This link can be found directly from our website with all information regarding our school uniform at St James. A reminder of the uniform which is published on our school website under the parent section. Children are not permitted to wear jewellery/earrings in school at all.

Staffing

We have said a fond farewell to Mrs Mazari this term and wish her the very best in her new career. We offer a warm welcome to our new Teaching Assistants Miss Brown who joined us in the second part of the Autumn Term and Mrs Walton who will be joining us in the first week of the Spring Term.

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Website and Facebook

We work hard to update our Website and Facebook page as much as we can and hope you are enjoying being part of the daily life at St James. We have so much to be proud of. The Curriculum section has been updated on the website for the Autumn Term. Please have a look at your child's class and see what they've been up to. We have been very, very busy.

We would like to reiterate...

We understand that the current financial climate is having a tremendous effect on our school community. If you are struggling, please reach out to us and we will endeavour to support you and your children in any way we can. We want to say that this is on a strictly confidential basis. Help is here, please reach out. **We have some beautiful, brand new toys at St James Church, if you feel you could benefit from any unopened toys please come along to Church and collect them.**

All that's left to say is that we wish our families and children a safe, happy and warm Christmastime, filled with love and togetherness. We thank you as always for your support in all that we do at St James, now more than ever.

Kindest regards and best wishes

Francesca Heslop
Headteacher

Reminders

- Thursday 21st December **ALL** Christmas Performances at **St Joseph's Main Hall.**
 - 10:50am Reception – Year 2 will perform their Christmas Performance for **R, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 PARENTS/CARERS ONLY**
 - 12:45pm Year 3 and Year 4 will perform their Christmas Performance for **YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 PARENTS/CARERS ONLY**
 - 2pm Year 5 and Year 6 will perform their Christmas Performance for **YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS ONLY**

ALL CHILDREN WILL BE DISMISSED FROM ST JAMES CHURCH CAR PARK AFTER SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER.

- Friday 22nd December – Christmas Jumper Day/Non-uniform Day to celebrate the last day of term.

CHILDREN WILL BE DISMISSED AT 1:15PM IN LINE WITH OUR TRUST SCHOOLS EACH FULL TERM (CHRISTMAS, EASTER AND SUMMER). RECEPTION – YEAR 4 WILL BE DISMISSED AS USUAL FROM ST JAMES CHURCH CAR PARK. YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 WILL BE DISMISSED AS USUAL FROM ST ALOYSIUS.

- Monday 8th January – First day of Spring Term.
- WB January 15th – After school sports clubs begin
- Admission to Reception Class 2023 Deadline Monday 15th January 2024
- Friday 9th February – In-Service Day

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