



St Mary's News

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November—Holy Souls

Today children were all invited to pray for their family members or loved ones who have died. We are giving our prayer requests over to Father Terry to be added to the parish prayer requests.



What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus

If any member of your household has coronavirus symptoms or a positive test, all members of that household must self-isolate in line with Government guidelines. The school will arrange for your child to be given work which will be similar to that which is being done in school. If your child does not have access to a computer to work on, the school will try to make one available for you to borrow.

If your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus at home or is sent home by the Headteacher with coronavirus symptoms, you must arrange a test for them immediately and inform the school of the result. Children displaying symptoms will not be able to return to school without being tested.

To arrange a test you should visit [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test) or call the Brent number on 0208 9374440

DO NOT WAIT! Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.

Please let the Headteacher know immediately when you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test by calling the school office on **0207 624 1830**

If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next. If your child tests negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school.

In the event of a confirmed case in any class, the school will contact parents and children will be asked to isolate at home.

Start and End of Day

During this latest lockdown, please take extra care to maintain 2 metre social distance from other people when dropping off or collecting your child. We ask that parents wear a mask when collecting children. Children who are travelling home alone must disperse immediately and not wait at the entrance to the school.

Social Media—Parents' Responsibilities

Parents are responsible for their children's online activity. Children have the right to be protected from harm, and so they do not have the right to privacy in this respect. **Please look at your child's social media feeds every day:** WhatsApp, Musically, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok etc. **so that you can monitor their content, and how your child is interacting with others on social media.**



As you may know, children should not have Snapchat, Instagram or Facebook until they are 13 years old, (WhatsApp until 16 years old). They may have the technical know how to join in, but do not have the emotional and social maturity to engage appropriately with these apps. If you would like to discuss any of this further, please do make an appointment to meet me. Thank you very much for your help with keeping our children safe.

From Advent to Christmas

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: From Advent to Christmas

This topic is intended for the second in the academic year 2017/2018. As the days shorten and winter comes upon us we are invited to consider the light of Christ who came into the world at Christmas. As the Gospel of Mark has no story of the birth of Jesus, this topic looks at who Christians around the world celebrate the coming of God into the world.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

• **Spiritual Outcomes:** *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

A sense of the importance of prayer
A willingness to pray

• An attitude of respect for the many traditions of Christmas
Appreciation for the gift of God at Christmas

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying this activity while this topic is being taught:

This topic focuses on how different cultural groups celebrate Christmas. Talk to your children about any particular practices you and your family might have, particularly if, and how, your culture might be evident in what you do. If you can, encourage your children to share your cultural customs with their peers at school.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Loving God, you created people full of dignity still more wonderfully restored our dignity when we failed. At this time of Advent help us remember Jesus who humbled himself to live like us, so that we might be able to share his divinity. We ask this through Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Adapted from the Opening Prayer of Christmas Day Liturgy.