



# St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual Primary School

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To: All Parents / Carers

27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Advent and Christmas**

This weekend marks the beginning of the season of Advent. As we approach the end of Michaelmas Term, we have many exciting activities planned for the children to explore the seasons of Advent and Christmas. You will find an information sheet attached with further information about the season and traditions of Advent that you might like to enjoy at home. You can also find further information on the school website. We will shortly be providing full details of Christmas activities. Please read letters carefully, as each letter that is sent to you will include vital information and some will be Year group / Class specific.

## **Parking Around the School**



It has been brought to our attention on more than one occasion that parents are parking illegally on the pavement by Beds Are Uzzz next to the allocated parking spaces. Apart from being potentially dangerous for our children and families crossing Elmgrove Road, it is inconsiderate to members of the local community. The school actively supports and encourages road safety at all times and urge parents to park appropriately either in Tesco car park or local roads where it is permitted. It is important that as adults we lead by example as role models to our children.

I am sure the vast majority of families will support this stance and I trust we can all work together to ensure the safety of the whole community.

## **Messages to the School**



The school office wish to thank parents for their support during the pandemic by only visiting by prior arrangement. We really do miss seeing you all and whilst we cannot welcome you into the office we want to reassure you that if you have any questions or

queries at all the office is staffed from 8.30am – 5pm (except Friday 4.30pm) and are always happy to receive your call. Alternatively, please email [office@stjeromebilingual.org](mailto:office@stjeromebilingual.org) and we will always try to respond on the same day.

### Children in Need Competition



We are delighted to announce the winners of the CIN competition are:

Ansh - Reception  
Eliana - Key Stage 1  
Swosti - Key Stage 2

Thank you to all those who took part the teachers very much enjoyed looking at your entries.

### End of Term Pick Up and After School Club



Parents will recall that in previous years the children leave school early on the last day of a full term. However, as we have changed our procedures during the current restrictions and instigated staggered lunches and pick up arrangements this will not be possible. The children will therefore leave school on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at the normal staggered pick up times i.e. Reception-3pm; Year 1-3.10pm; Year 2-3.20pm; Year 3-3.30pm and Year 4-3.40pm.

Please note that there will be no After School Club on the last day of term - **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Children's Christmas Lunch



This year's Christmas Lunch will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** and is bookable via ParentPay in the usual way. The children will be able to enjoy a freshly prepared traditional Christmas Lunch or a vegetarian alternative. The school will provide Christmas Crackers.

The full menu until the end of term is now available to book and we ask that parents make their choices as soon as possible to ensure food waste is kept to a minimum and the children are not disappointed.

## Bag2School



Please remember to bring your unwanted textiles to school to help support our fundraising **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the morning**

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, we all have an opportunity to sort through our cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in any bags or clean bin liners – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

The school will then receive a cheque towards our school fundraising determined by the weight of the clothes donated.

**Bag2School** will be collecting from St. Jérôme school on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2020**.

Please bring your bag (or bags!) **on that day in the morning** to the side entrance gate.

Thank you for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

## Uniform Delivery

We are delighted to inform families that our uniform supplier, Pullens in Stanmore, will now make deliveries directly to the school. Simply order online and select the option to deliver to the school and the office staff will ensure your purchase finds its way to your child to bring home.

<https://www.uniform4kids.com/collections/saint-jerome-bilingual-school>

Please continue to follow the government guidance regarding symptoms and isolation periods <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and inform the school immediately if a member of your household receives a positive test result.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Norris".

Revd Daniel Norris

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