



As the days get shorter, and colder, it is good that we are able to begin looking forward to the Christmas season in spite of the fact it will be very different this year. Although we are coming out of the lock down, we are still in a high alert and we will not be changing any of our procedures and protocols which have, (so far!), kept us all safe. There is a real risk that we will undo all our hard work if we relax too quickly and too much.

Like last year, we will be taking part in the Caritas Westminster Reverse advent calendar and will be donating our goods to the Chipping Barnet Foodbank. Please make sure that any donations are in date and unused. As well as the suggestions on the poster, you might like to send in some of the treats that make Christmas special. KS2 children will be able to put their contributions in the link corridor; we will have a collection bucket in the lower playground for KS1 and FS. Please do not drop off anything at the office.

Donations should be in by 9th December please.

Please don't forget to pre-order your child/children's lunch for next week

Christmas Jumper day

On Friday 11th December the children may wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper (i.e. with their uniform). If you would like to send in a donation, please do or you can donate via Parentmail.

Yr. 6 Residential Trip

The latest guidance (26/11/2020) still advises against overnight trips, but states that this will be reviewed in February 2021 to see if it is possible for trips to re-start at Easter 2021.



Advent Giving Calendar

On 15th November we mark the fourth annual World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis has given us the theme 'Stretch forth your hand to the poor'. This Advent Giving Calendar gives you a way to reach out to those going hungry by following along each day and making up a food parcel. During the pandemic, this act of generosity will be needed more than ever, as we prepare for a Christmas like no other.

As social distancing continues, we also invite you to think about the other ways you can 'stretch forth your hand'. How can you reach out to those who are isolated and lonely? Could you send a Christmas card or message of hope to someone living alone, or buy a present for someone who may not receive one otherwise? Have a think, and look at the resources on our website for more inspiration.

How to use the Advent Giving Calendar

- 1 Find a food bank or another local project to donate to. Make sure to check they are currently accepting donations and how to do so safely in time for Christmas.
- 2 Each day in Advent, find the bauble on the calendar which will tell you what you need to buy to add to your collection.
- 3 Take your box to the drop off point of your chosen project - you might want to take it in early to make sure it is there in time to help families this Christmas. Make sure to follow Government Coronavirus safety guidance when dropping off your donation.
- 4 Share a photo of you and your collection with us on Twitter, @CaritasFood, or by contacting us using the details below.

How to find your local food project

- Your Catholic church or school can advise you of local projects they are involved with which distribute food to people who are struggling. They might already be collecting for one!
- Have a look at our map of projects around the Diocese of Westminster by visiting www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/social-action-map.php or contact us using the details below and we can help you find a local project
- The Trussell Trust run food banks throughout the UK and you can visit their website to find one near to you www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank
- Public service professionals such as social workers, job centre staff, and NHS staff can often provide information on food banks and other services for people struggling at this time of year.

“Now is a good time to recover the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world.

Pope Francis, World Day of the Poor, 2020

Get in touch

To find out more about the Caritas Food Collective and get involved, or if you would like to find out about food relief in your area, contact us at:



cfc@rcdow.org.uk

www.caritasfoodcollective.org.uk

07525 812 508



Advent Giving Calendar



7 Tinned soup
4 Tea & Coffee
11 Tinned pudding
10 Cooking Oil
23 Washing Up Liquid
2 Bag of Sugar
20 Peanut Butter
22 Biscuits
8 Lentils/Beans
16 Sanitary Products
21 Rice
14 Tinned meat/fish
19 Soap
18 Deodorant
6 UHT Milk
13 Pasta Sauce
5 Tinned Veg
3 Nappies
15 Cereal
9 Detergent
24 Chocolate
12 Shower Gel
17 Tinned Fruit
1 Pasta



Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

A high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back

· **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

· **A loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste** – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

It is also important that you **do not send your child to school** if somebody in your household has tested positive for, or has symptoms of, coronavirus.

As a precaution, your child must not come into school for **14 days** after coronavirus has been identified in your household, whether confirmed or unconfirmed.

Please notify the **school office** via **telephone and email** as soon as possible if your child, or somebody in your household, is showing symptoms of coronavirus and your child cannot come into school

ParentMail

We use Parentmail for after school club bookings, trips and visits, permissions and any other items that we need parent/carers to approve. If you are having problems registering please contact office@sacredheart.barnetmail.net as we may not have the most up to date email address for you.

After school Club

After school club bookings MUST be made on Parentmail. If you are a new user and will be paying by Childcare vouchers, please let the office know as soon as possible. There will no longer be any **emergency bookings** so please ensure you book in advance. **You will be able to cancel and make changes to bookings yourselves.**

Breakfast Club

Non Stop Action run breakfast club, bookings can be made via the website www.NonStopAction.co.uk or by phone 0208 446 0006.



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 1st December 2020 (Deadline for Christmas Catalogue orders)

Monday 7th December 2020: Non-uniform day for FS/KS1

Tuesday 8th December 2020: Non-uniform day for KS1

Parents Association

Christmas Programme

Our wonderful 2020 Christmas Programmes have arrived and will be handed out to you today. If you are not at the school at pick up, please let your Class Rep know and we will arrange for you to receive a copy. We hope you love it as much as we do and Rachel Spraggons (mum to Leo 2A) deserves a massive thank you for coordinating the project and producing an amazing programme in a very difficult climate. Please take time to read the programme as it has lots of useful information such as the Raffle and Silent Auction prizes, a Christmas Crossword for the children and details of great local companies who have supported our fundraising despite suffering greatly in the pandemic (so, if we can, we would love to support them back).

Christmas Grotto

We are very excited to confirm that the children will be visiting Santa at Sacred Heart's Christmas Grotto on Monday 7th December for FS/KS1 & Tuesday 8th December for KS2. In order to protect school bubbles and respect government guidelines, visits will take place during the school day. Photos will be taken by our fabulous professional photographer, Emily Grilli of Crocodile Snaps and mum to Ollie 5A, and you will be given the opportunity to purchase these photos with all proceeds going to the school's fundraising. Please note that, unfortunately, siblings or friends will not be able to see Santa at the same time so group photos cannot be taken. As we are sure that your children will want to look their best for Santa, a non-uniform day will take place on Monday 7th December for FS/KS1 and on Tuesday 8th December 2020. In exchange for the treat of a non-uniform day, we will be asking for a suggested donation of £1 per child and collection buckets will be at the school gates on those days.



Christmas Raffle

A big thank you to all those who have bought and returned their Raffle tickets already. Please remember there is no obligation to buy all tickets but it would be great if you could be as generous as you can be to help with our fundraising.

Kindly return money and ticket stubs through the postbox in the door of the school reception (please DO NOT give them to the office staff or teachers), ensuring that every ticket stub has a name and contact details completed, by Wednesday 9th December. The draw will take place on Friday 11th December. Any unsold tickets should also be returned in the same way. If you prefer to pay by bank transfer, please transfer the funds to Sacred Heart's Account Number: 00827053, Sort Code 20-95-61 and text Angela Soave on 07900 903799 so that we can allocate ticket numbers to you. If you would like more tickets, please email us on SacredHeartSchoolpaevents@gmail.com.

Silent Auction

We have some amazing gifts & experiences to be won. You should have received the list of Silent Auction prizes via your Class Reps today and a list also features in the Christmas Programme. To place your bid, please email SacredHeartSchoolpaevents@gmail.com and include the item number, your maximum bid, your name and contact number by midnight on the Wednesday 9th December 2020. The winning bids will be announced on Saturday 12th December 2020. Please bid as generously as you can.

Christmas Catalogue

Thank you to all those who have already ordered. If you do want to buy some great stocking fillers and Christmas treats, please make sure you look at our Christmas Catalogue. This was circulated to the Class Reps to send onto you but if you have not received it, please email sacredheartschoolpa@gmail.com. There are also some lovely Christmas cards at fantastic prices (3 packets of 6 for £1) which are perfect if your children want to write their own cards to their classmates. Deadline for all orders is the 1st December to ensure everything can get to you in time for Christmas.

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This is a public health poster from the NHS. It has a dark blue background with a yellow banner at the bottom. The text 'We must keep on protecting each other.' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the text are three circular icons: a pink circle with hands being washed, a light blue circle with a face mask, and a light green circle with two people and a double-headed arrow between them. The words 'HANDS', 'FACE', and 'SPACE' are written in white below each icon. The NHS logo is in the top right corner, and the HM Government logo is in the top left. The bottom yellow banner contains the text 'STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES' in white.

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NHS

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