

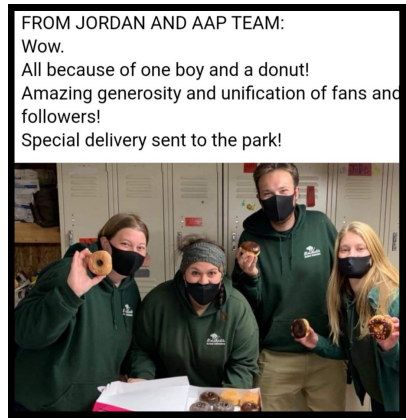
# St Laurence Church Infant School

# Newsletter

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I was amazed to hear from Jacob's mum about how his small act of kindness ended up making a huge difference. Jacob wanted to send his last doughnut to a giraffe at a zoo in America which he loves to watch on livestream. His nanny suggested donating his pocket money instead and this donation inspired other people to send their own contributions which totalled \$30,000! What a super example of our Christian values in action—we are all so proud of you!



## COVID-19

We currently have two bubbles isolating at home (1B and 2B). There is not a connection between the two individuals and it appears that the transmission has come from outside of school.

Last time we had a bubble close (RY), no-one from that bubble went on to have symptoms, so we feel confident that the measures in place in school are working effectively.

Can we remind all of our families to keep following the government advice to control the virus.

**DO NOT** send your child to school if they or anyone in your household have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 (coronavirus). These are:

- **A high temperature**
- **A new continuous cough**
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

If you have had contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID, you must isolate for the full 14 days, even if you have had a negative test result.

This [link](#) will take you to a government document with advice for parents and carers about schools during the covid-19 outbreak.

## Christmas Performances

We have thought long and hard about how we can bring you Christmas performances from the children in a safe and accessible way. We have decided to record our performances and share these through **YouTube** and on the school **Facebook** page. This way parents do not need to buy an expensive DVD in order to watch their child, and relatives who may not be able to meet up in person this year can share the joy of seeing the children telling the Christmas story.

If you have not given permission for your child to be on social media, we will include them in our rehearsals but will ensure they are not on the finished videos. If you would like to change the permission for your child, please contact the school office.

In order to keep the bubbles separate, each class will contribute their own element. Each Reception class will perform a simple nativity. Key Stage One classes will be telling the Christmas story through a narrated Carol Service.

### Welcome Mrs Gough

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Gough will be joining the staff team from January 2021. She will be teaching **1R** on Thursdays and Fridays alongside Mrs McFall who will teach the class on Monday-Wednesday.

Mrs Gough has worked at the school as a long term supply teacher in the past and is also has a child at school. She will be bringing her creativity and enthusiasm to the staff team.



### Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)



There have not been many responses to the information regarding RSE in school. If you do have any comments or questions there is still time to let us know using this quick [feedback form](#):

## Christmas Gifts

Each year we invite you to donate gifts for local children whose circumstances are difficult and each year you are incredibly generous. The wrapped presents will be put around our Christmas tree in the hall and should be labelled to show the age they are suitable for and whether they are for a girl or a boy or either.

If you are able to donate a gift, please send it into school during December. Children's Services will collect the gifts before Christmas and are most grateful for your support.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th December is Christmas Jumper Day—children can wear a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform or with their own clothes (as long as they are suitable for a day at school including toileting independently and playtime outside).

We are not asking for a donation for this event.

Do not feel that you have to buy a new Christmas jumper –as we are all trying to be more environmentally conscious, you could decorate a jumper you already have or wear red and green colours instead!

If you will struggle to find a Christmas jumper for your child, the PTA have a small number of pre-loved jumpers for children to borrow for the day. Please let us know if you would like one of these for your child.



## Christmas Party Day

Christmas party day will be Friday 18th December. Children can come to school in their party clothes (suitable for a day at school)

**We will be having a special party food box for dinner.**

The PTA have used some of your generous donations to sponsor the Christmas entertainment this year. They have organised for a personalised Christmas show for the children to watch virtually on party day.

## Diary Dates:

**Friday 11th December**  
Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 16th December**  
Christmas Dinner Day

**Friday 18th December**  
Party Day

Break up for Christmas

**Tuesday 5th January**  
Children return to school  
after Christmas holidays.

## Extreme Weather

In the rare event of EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS (eg heavy snowfall) across the whole of the City, the Local Authority may take a central decision to close all schools.

Any such decision affecting all schools will be made by 6.45am at the latest. This will then be announced through local radio and will also be put on the City Council disruption web site and on Twitter.

**Heart FM 100.7 FM [www.heart.co.uk](http://www.heart.co.uk)**

**Radio WM 95.6 FM [www.bbc.co.uk/wm](http://www.bbc.co.uk/wm)**

**Free Radio 96.4 FM [www.freeradio.co.uk](http://www.freeradio.co.uk)**

There may be circumstances affecting individual schools e.g. local conditions, burst pipes or heating failure.

The decision to close the school in these circumstances lies with the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors. The radio stations listed above will be informed.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OUT FOR TEXT  
MESSAGES, FACEBOOK MESSAGES AND FOR  
NOTICES ON OUR WEBSITE**