



May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wisemen and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.



Thank you to all the families who have sent in Christmas presents for children to go under the tree. We have been once again overwhelmed by your generosity. The presents are being collected on Wednesday morning and will be distributed to children referred by social workers who would otherwise be going without gifts at this time of year.

Here is the oldest girl in the school as our St Lucy, standing with the Christmas gifts. Just as St Lucy brought joy and light, we pray that the children who receive these gifts will feel that same joy and recognise the Light of God in knowing that they are cared for and thought of by us.

COVID-19 over Christmas

If your child tests **positive for Covid** over the Christmas holidays, we need to know if they were in school when they were infectious. This is the 2 days before their symptoms began.

If your child was in school in this period, we will need to tell their close contacts to isolate.

To let us know, please email the school at enquiry@stlrnci.bham.sch.uk with the title: POSITIVE COVID CASE.

This email address will be checked each day.

We are open as normal on Friday 18th

You may have heard in the media that last week the government announced that schools may close on 18th December so that headteachers do not have to be on call for track and trace on Christmas Eve. I have spoken to Mrs Mulrain at the Junior School, and we both feel this announcement has come too late to ask parents to change their plans and arrange childcare. We will be open to all pupils on 18th December as planned and are looking forward to a lovely party day!

PTA Raffle

The PTA raised an amazing £1,136 from their Advent Raffle. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, brought tickets and to the PTA for organising the event.

A special thank you to Jack's mum, Michelle who secured £300 match funding from Wesleyan Bank.

Christmas Jumpers

If your child's Christmas jumper is too snug to fit again next year, please consider donating it to school for us to use next year.

Any Christmas jumpers that are no longer needed can be sent into school in January.

Welcome Back Mrs Cole

Mrs Cole, our EYFS leader, is returning from maternity leave at the end of term.

Mrs Cole will be teaching in RY on Monday and Thursdays and Mrs Meara will continue to teach them on Tuesdays and Fridays. Both teachers will be in school on Wednesday and will alternate who teaches the class. Mrs Cole will be in school on Thursday 17th December to meet the children before returning fully in January.



Advance Warning of School Closure

We have been informed that the elections due to be held on 7th May 2020 will now take place on **Thursday 6th May 2021**—We have been told the school is needed as a polling station and so we will be closed to pupils and staff that day. Children are expected to be back in school on Friday 7th May.

Christingle Service

On the last day before Christmas we traditionally hold a Christingle Service just before the end of the day.

If you would like to join us via Teams for this service it will be at **2.30pm on Friday 18th December**.

There will be no 9.20am assembly that day.



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 17th December	Birthday candles for birthdays in December.
Friday 18th December	Party Day—Children wear own clothes Christingle Assembly on Teams—2.30pm Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to school after holidays.
15th-19th February	Spring half term holiday
Thursday 1st April	Break up for Easter

Library Help

The lovely new books and furniture for the library which were purchased with a grant secured by the PTA from Co-Op Supermarkets are starting to arrive.



We would love to be able to spruce up some of our existing furniture too so we are asking for any volunteers who wouldn't mind sparing an hour or two to help paint some book boxes and library shelves, either during the school day or once the children have gone home.

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

Radio WM 95.6 FM www.bbc.co.uk/wm

Free Radio 96.4 FM 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.

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NOTICES ON OUR WEBSITE**