

# A Very Different Christmas!

As we approach the seasons of Advent and Christmas 2020 it certainly is very different! We know how important our preparations and celebrations are here at Holy Souls and we look forward to making them the best we can!

We look forward to our weekly Advent liturgical service with Father Jonathan and Father Alex as we grow in our journey of faith and understanding of staying awake and being ready! We also look forward to visiting our parish garden – in this season of waiting we will keep this a secret for a little longer!

This year we will be performing a Christmas play with a difference! A collaboration between all of our classes who deliver the Christmas message to your homes in a new and exciting way. The children will be watching the Nativity on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. At the moment we are looking into ways in which we can share 'A Very Different Christmas' with our families. Thank you to Mrs Stephenson and Miss Trodden for organising all of our events.

Please check Parentmail and ensure you have given permission for your child to take part in these events and consented to use of their images on social media. Where permission is not given pupils will participate but will not be included in images or recordings.

## Christmas Cards and Gifts











Due to the current circumstances, children will not be allowed to bring Christmas cards into school and swap them.

We also know that you are all so kind and generous to all our staff. This year we are asking that children do not bring cards and gifts for staff either. If you would like to you could donate to Tabor House which is one of our school and Diocesan charities please click on the link below.

<https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/community-projects/tabor-house/191.htm>

## Dates for the Diary!

Event	Date	Year Groups	Information
Weekly Gospel Assembly and Advent Liturgies with Father Jonathan and Father Alex	Monday mornings during Advent.	All children will join in from their classrooms virtually	Please find the time to share the weekly message at home and use your Walk With Me materials to support you.
EYFS/KS1 Do Something Different Day (Wear purple to school) Bring £1 for 	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Reception, Year 1, Year 2  Please dress appropriately for the weather!	Please bring £1 in each for the SVP Society. We will be making, baking, colouring and decorating!
Walk With Me Calendar Walk With Me Activity Booklet to come home 	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	All children	A Christmas gift from our school and parish to our children and their families
Christmas Card Competition Entries closes at the end of the school day 	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	All children	Free to enter for all of the children
The Wonder of Imagination treat for good behaviour and excellent work this term	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6	A Christmas gift from our school and parish to all of our children and their families.
Christmas Tree Lighting in school 	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020	All children	A virtual light switch on with a special guest!
KS2 Do Something Different Day (Wear purple to school) Bring £1 for 	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6  Please dress appropriately for the weather!	Please bring £1 in each for the SVP Society. We will be making, baking, colouring and decorating!
EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dinner/Party Day 	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2020  <b>PLEASE SIGN THE CONSENT FORM ON PARENTMAIL. THE DEADLINE IS 01.12.2020. NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED</b>	Reception, Year 1, Year 2	Please do wear your Christmas jumper and party clothes. I wonder who will be visiting us at school. I hear he has reindeers and one of them is called Rudolph!

KS2 Christmas Dinner/Party  Day	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020  <b>PLEASE SIGN THE          CONSENT FORM AND          MAKE A PAYMENT ON          PARENTMAIL IF YOU          PAY FOR YOUR          CHILD'S DINNER. THE          DEADLINE IS 08.12.20</b>	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6	Please do wear your Christmas jumper and party clothes.
KS2 Awards  assembly	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6. All children will join in from their classrooms virtually.	Our termly Certificates will be awarded during our virtual assembly.
Penitential Service 	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6. All children will join in from their classrooms virtually.	Father Jonathan and Father Alex will be helping us on our Advent journey as we reflect on our actions and deeds.
EYFS/KS1 Awards assembly 	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Reception, Year 1, Year 2 All children will join in from their classrooms virtually.	Our termly Certificates will be awarded during our virtual assembly.
End of Term Virtual  Mass	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	All children will join in from their classrooms virtually.	A superb way to celebrate the end of this term. Do join us live on Scared Heart and Holy Souls You Tube channel.
Watch the School 'A very different Christmas' 	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	All children will watch this in their classroom virtually.	We are hoping to find a way to share this with families – we will let you know as soon as we have more details.
St Teresa of Calcutta MAC Virtual Christmas Concert 	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	All children will watch this in their classroom virtually.	This wonderful celebration will be shown virtually across our MAC schools.

“Together we can do great things” Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Thank you for your continued support.