

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## A message from the Headteacher

Our children had a great day making their Christmas crafts, and while you were all missed (especially for helping out with the fiddly bits!), the end products were still impressive. If you haven't seen our Christmas crafts video yet, please visit at <https://www.facebook.com/Northern-Saints-CofE-VA-Primary-102427021430927/videos/christmas-craft-morning/430725115000200/> or visit ClassDojo.

This week has been Christmas party week and the children all looked fab. There was great excitement and the party food boxes went down a treat.

Last night, you may have seen our online Christmas production trailer - we are all very excited! By the end of today, we aim to have all our Christmas performances available for you to view online. These have been pre-recorded so you can watch them again and again. To access your child's Christmas video, please visit their class page on ClassDojo.

Just a reminder that next Wednesday is our Christmas "dressy up" day. Christmas jumpers are purely optional, but something with a Christmas theme would be good. In the morning, our children will be taking part in the Santa Dash, as part of the National School Games Award. Each year bubble will have the opportunity to participate in a dash, whilst in their Christmas outfits. Please see our school twitter page (@nsprimary) for pictures from the event or check out the hashtag [#santasmls](#). Then it's Christmas lunch, followed by the Northern Stage panto, streamed into each classroom.

You may have seen on the news that the government has suggested schools may close a day earlier this year, as staff will be "on call" during the holidays to support the track and trace programme. We feel this is too short notice, especially for our working parents and carers. **Northern Saints will not be closing early and we will finish on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, as originally planned.** If your child starts to show symptoms within 48 hrs of leaving school, please email [linzi.tomlin@nsprimary.org.uk](mailto:linzi.tomlin@nsprimary.org.uk) if they receive a positive COVID test result.

A few parents have asked if we are able to receive teacher presents this year. This is very generous, but regrettably we cannot accept presents brought into school from home.

So, if I don't see you before the end of term, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year – here's to 2021 being a better year! I look forward to welcoming you all back when school reopens to pupils on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

## Remaining diary dates

Date	Time	Event
11.12.20	From this date onwards	<b>Viewing of Year Group Virtual Christmas Performances</b> Reception – 'Early Year's Christmas Jingle' KS1 – 'Magical Christmas Journey' Year 3 – 'Man on the Moon'

		Year 4 – Rocking Around the Christmas Tree + Jingle Bell Rock medley Year 5 – ‘A December to Remember’ Year 6 – Spread a Smile of Joy Language Provision – ‘A Very Modern Christmas’
14.12.20	1.30 – 2.30pm	<b>Reception Christmas Party</b>
15.12.20	1.30-2.30pm	<b>Language Provision Christmas Party</b>
16.12.20	All day	<b>Christmas “dressy up” Day</b> (Christmas jumpers optional)
16.12.20	11.30am – 1pm	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
16.12.20	1.00 – usual pick up time	<b>Northern Stage Panto “The Emperor’s New Clothes”</b> Streamed into the classroom. FREE of charge.
18.12.20	Usual pick up time	<b>Break up for Christmas</b>
04.01.21	ALL DAY	<b>Staff training day – closed to pupils</b>
05.01.21		<b>Pupils return to school</b>

## School Uniform

In recent weeks, we have been very sympathetic when parents/carers have struggled to replace worn school shoes or ties have been lost. However, from January, we will be closely monitoring school uniform to ensure our high standards are maintained. Our children are very proud of their school uniform and members of the public often comment on how smart they look, when we're out of school.

Please also note our expectations for PE kit. A number of branded items have started to creep in. Again, from January, we will reinforce our uniform policy and fashion kit with large logos will not be allowed in school.

Our school uniform is as follows:

### Girls

- School blazer with embroidered school badge
- Grey skirt or grey tailored trousers (not fashion trousers)
- White shirt (buttoned shirt suitable for a tie)
- School tie
- Navy blue v-neck jumper or cardigan
- Grey/black/navy tights or socks
- Smart black hard wearing flat shoes (no trainers or flossies). If boots are to be worn to school in the winter, they need to be black and children must change into their smart black shoes when they arrive at school.

(Please note that there is no variation in the summer and gingham dresses and pinafores are not permitted. Children do not have to wear school jumpers in the summer but school blazers must always be worn to school without exception. Of course, they can be removed once in school if it is hot. Ankle socks can be worn.)

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## PE Uniform

### *Indoor PE*

- Plain white t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Plain socks
- Trainers or plimsoles

### *Outdoor PE*

- Plain navy blue, black or grey sweatshirt/hooded top/tracksuit
- Matching navy blue, black or grey jogging bottoms/tracksuit (Indoor shorts and t-shirt can be worn underneath if it's cold)
- Trainers

## Keeping our site safe at the start and end of the school day

Finally, I would like to remind all our parents and carers of the one way system, in and out of school. The majority of you are following this brilliantly, remembering to social distance and keep your children by your side. This avoids the risk of cross contamination between year group bubbles. Please remember that it is one adult per child/family allowed on site. This is to limit numbers and congestion in the queue. As always, thank you for your continued support with this.

