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ST MARY & ST THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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'Together we strive for excellence, inspired by the joy of the Gospel.'



10th December 2021



Year of The Eucharist

Go out and serve the world through the nourishment of the Eucharist.



Stella Lane - Road Closure

Please note that Stella Lane will be closed between 9.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. week beginning Monday 6th December until Friday 10th December. Essential work is being carried out.

Swimming Lessons

From 10th January 2022, the children in Year 5 will all be attending swimming lessons each Monday morning. Consent forms will be given to the children next week.

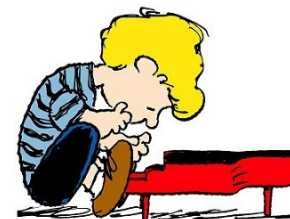


Clogg Dancing

Clogg dancing for Years 3 and Year 5 will resume again on Wednesday 12th January.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons will resume on January 5th 2022



Did someone say Christmas Party!

School will provide refreshments for the children throughout school. We ask that on your child's allocated party day that they come to school in their party clothes.

- December 13th - Years 1 and 2
- December 14th - Year 3 and 4
- December 15th - Nursery
- December 16th - Reception
- December 17th - Years 5 and 6



School Christmas Lunch

Children will be having a school Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 15th December.

Payments for school lunches can be made using Pay360.

Can you visit this site on a regular basis to pay for lunches. If you have problems logging in then please contact the school office.

Stella Christmas Mass Times

- Friday 24th Dec - 2.30 p.m. First Mass of Christmas - Children/Families;
4.00 p.m. 2nd Mass of Christmas - Children/Families;
5.30 p.m. Third Mass Of Christmas;
7.00 p.m. Fourth Mass of Christmas.
- Saturday 25th Dec 10.00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass.
No 5.00 p.m. VIGIL MASS TODAY!!
- Sunday 26th Dec - 10.00 a.m. Sunday Mass - The Holy Family;
11.00 a.m. Sunday Mass - The Holy Family.

The early Christmas Eve Masses tend to be more orientated towards the children and families, with the children coming along in 'onesies' and often fancy dress too. They also do the readings and the Offertory Procession.

Christmas Holidays

School will close at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 17th December for the Christmas Holidays and re-open again on Wednesday 5th January 2022.



Reverse Advent Calendar

As a school, we have decided to continue to work together to help people in need in our local community through Gateshead Foodbank.



This year we will try a 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. The children are invited to bring into school, as often as possible, any food that they can. This will help those less fortunate who are struggling this Christmas time.

On Friday's it would be nice to try to bring in some Christmas themed chocolates for children who won't receive a treat this year. We will be running the Reverse Advent Calendar until **Wednesday 15th December 2021.**

Vacancy for a Lunch-time Assistant at St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas Primary School

We have a vacancy for the above position starting in our school from Wednesday 5th January 2022.

The post holder will work with our other Lunch-time Assistants who supervise and assist the children during their lunch breaks. The hours are 12noon – 1pm Monday to Friday (term-time only).

If you would like to become a member of our school team, applications forms and a full job description are available from the school office or by email from the School Business Manager at theresacostello@gateshead.gov.uk. You are very welcome to call us or pop in to discuss the vacancy if you wish.

Nursery Applications

The closing date for applications to our very popular Nursery school is 31st December 2021. Therefore, if you have a child who is eligible to start Nursery from September 2022 please submit your application before the 31st December deadline. Application forms can be obtained from the School Business Manager by emailing theresacostello@gateshead.gov.uk or calling the school office on 0191 4143116.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

JOHN BAPTIST

ENCOURAGES MERCY

COATS FOOD

SHARE OTHERS

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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