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4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents

Despite numerous reminders we note that social distance measures are not being observed on school grounds when dropping off and picking up children. Please remember to adhere to your pick up and drop off times and leave school grounds promptly via the one-way system. We ask that pupils stay with their parent in a morning before school and not congregate by entrance doors.

We are pleased to advise that school have been fortunate in gaining a grant from the Diocese for an extension to school. The extension will be accessed from the left hand side of the hall. Work starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We ask that those parents who are accessing the Farlea provision take extra care as there will be work vehicle movement on the staff car park. Please keep to the designated walk ways and enter through the pedestrian gate from the pavement and not through the vehicle entrance.



### Christingle Recording - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Children in years 1-6 will be recorded on this day for the Christingle. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or themed accessory e.g. hat, ears etc.

### Visit Hednesford Facebook Page

Children in school have decorated Christmas baubles for Hednesford Town Council which are now hanging from the Christmas trees in Market Square. Pictures can be seen on their Facebook page - Visit Hednesford.



### Food Bank Donations

Following the success of our last food bank donation we are once again asking families to donate items between 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December. These will then be dropped off at a local food bank by Mrs Farrah.

### Chocolate Hamper Raffle

Raffle tickets are now on sale in each class at 50p each so that all children have the opportunity to win a chocolate hamper. All money raised will go to the PTFA.



The chocolate raffle draw will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December in all classes.



### Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner Day

Our Christmas dinner and jumper day will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Children are welcome to wear their

Christmas jumper to school on this day. We ask that a donation of £1.50 be sent into school. All proceeds raised will go to Save the Children fund.

### **Easyfundraising**

Please make sure you shop the easyfundraising way every time you buy something online:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephshednesford>



### **Friday Assembly**

A reminder that Friday class topic and prayer assemblies are uploaded onto the school website for viewing - they can be found under latest news. Look out for Year 5's today.

### **PTFA - AGM**

The PTFA AGM will be taking place virtually via Zoom at 4pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please email [stjosephshednesfordptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephshednesfordptfa@gmail.com) for further details and to register for the meeting. A treasurer is still needed; if you can spare a little time please let the PTFA know on the aforementioned email address.

## Weather



As the weather gets colder we would like to remind parents of our procedures with regard to ice and snow.

The steps and ramp to the main entrance will be gritted in times of ice/snow. A designated path on the top playground will also be gritted to allow children safe access into school. This also applies to the entrance to nursery/farlea.

We will update the school website in times of snow to advise parents if school is open. A text message will also be sent home to the first named person on our texting service. **If you have changed your mobile number recently please advise Mrs Edge or Mrs Harvey in the office.**

## **INSET DAY - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on this day. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 after the Christmas holiday.

