



# The Messenger

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*'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'*

## School Calendar

Date	Event	Time
<b>2019</b>		
<b>December</b>		
<b>Tues 3</b>	Fluenz vaccine (all classes) Y3 Parent Meeting Sacramental 1	6pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Bikeability Y5 and Y6	
<b>Fri 6</b>	Bikeability Y6	
<b>Sat 7</b>	Parish Christmas Fayre	10-1
<b>Wed 11</b>	CAROL SERVICE at St Mary's Church	6pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	'Bring a Bottle' Non Uniform Day	
<b>Fri 13</b>	School CHRISTMAS FAYRE	
<b>Mon 16</b>	Choir singing Carols at Mere Park Surgery	Morning
<b>Tues 17</b>	Reception Nativity- Parish SVP Reception Nativity-Parents	9:30 6pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinners	
<b>Fri 20</b>	End of term Mass. All Welcome	9:30
<b>JAN 2020</b>		
<b>Mon 6</b>	School opens	

### Vomiting and Diarrhoea

We have been informed by Public Health England of an increase in reported cases of vomiting and diarrhoea in primary schools. The sickness is consistent with gastroenteritis, often caused by Norovirus.

'The most common cause of norovirus is vomiting. Diarrhoea tends to be short-lived and less severe than other causes of gastroenteritis. Other symptoms include nausea, stomach cramps, headaches, aches, chills and fever. Symptoms usually last 1-3 days.'

**Those reporting diarrhoea and vomiting should exclude themselves from school until 48hrs after the diarrhoea and vomiting has stopped.**

This is an important control measure to limit the spread of infection.' Thank you.

Dear Parents, with just three weeks left before the end of term we enter a really hectic time in school, no doubt repeated in every school worldwide. Rehearsals are in full swing for our Carol service and the children have been excellent in their efforts. Reception children are also rehearsing for their Nativity in just over two weeks' time. They've been practicing their singing and the 'all important' stage positioning! Seeing our new pupils now appearing on the stage is just a great sight to behold. I'm sure all will be brilliant. See the dates above for times of performances. Tickets will be available very shortly, £1 each.

Have a wonderful weekend.

EJ Byrne

**Reminder: 'Bring a Bottle Day' for the Christmas Fayre**

**Thursday 12 December**

**NON UNIFORM DAY**

Attendance	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total
2019	100	98.3	96.3	99.3	98.5	96.9	100	98.4

Such fantastic efforts last week! These are all brilliant examples and any could win with figures like this...hard luck but well done Y3, but amazing weeks for Reception and Y6!

### Fundraising News

£227.52 was raised for Children in Need, 12 shoe boxes were filled for Operation Christmas Child, Bag2School collection brought in £132 and our child designed Christmas Cards raised £400.68

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you also for all your help and support with the Christmas Fayre. We are still in need of donations, raffle prizes, chocolate, Teddies, Pocket Money toys, new toiletries (!) and books and can be brought in at your convenience. Cakes are ALWAYS welcome. Please send into school on the morning of the Fayre. Thank you.



### GREEN 'Update' from the Recycling Team.

You will have seen recently our 'Green' newsletter. We are now collecting 2litre plastic 'pop' bottles with the aim of building a bottle greenhouse. Please ask family and friends to save them too as we are going to need lots!

Remember we are also collecting batteries for recycling. Bring them into the school office anytime and if you need a replacement collecting box, please ask.

**A message from Fr Tony re parking at St Gabriel's Church.** 'Please can we be mindful of neighbours when parking.\_Please ensure access along the pavements opposite the Church are clear for all users especially dog-walkers, buggies and prams, & those with visual impairment. Please avoid parking in Edwards Way as it is restricting access for residents. Many thanks.

### Cedar Avenue/Well Lane

You will know it can become very congested in the mornings and at end of day times. We have always tried to support residents by encouraging a 'one way' system around the school by only driving 'up' Well Lane at these busy times. Accessing Station Road to Brookhouse Road and turning right into Cedar Avenue does ease the congestion. I know we're not helped by the works traffic at 'The Oaks' retirement development either

Thank you.

