



29th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

New International Version

³⁴ "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Advent is a season of hope and expectation. We are invited to prepare joyfully for the coming of Christ. He comes in history (his conception and birth), in mystery (through the sacraments, and especially the Eucharist), and in majesty (at the Last Day). In the first weeks of Advent the stress is on this third coming in majesty. Hence today's gospel which we have already prayed with in recent days. The old liturgical year ended, and the new one has begun, with our calling to mind the Lord's final coming at the end of time. We look forward to it with happy anticipation, not with fear.

Letter from Bishop Alan

Please see attached Bishop Alan's Pastoral Letter for the First Sunday of Advent.

Coronavirus Update

As you are aware there is a new variant of concerned called the Omicron variant. As a result, the Department for Education (DfE) guidance has changed and staff are required to wear a face covering in communal areas (but not in the classroom), visitors are also required to wear a face covering when in the school as well as pupils in year 7 and above.

We are reviewing our Covid measurements to ensure that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible. However, it is vital that **you do not send your child to school if they have any Covid symptoms.**

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the above symptoms please schedule a PCR test.

Christmas Events

As we draw closer to the end of term there are a number of school events to celebrate Christmas, please make note of the dates and times below:

Wednesday 15th December 2021 at 10.00-10.30am - Reception nativity performance

Thursday, 16th December 2021 at 9.30-10.00am - Year 2 Christmas performance

Thursday, 16th December 2021 - children's Christmas lunch

Friday, 17th December 2021 at 1:45 pm - KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Concert at **St Michael's Church**

Monday, 20th December 2021 - Christmas class party celebrations

Due to the current situation we are only able to extend the invitation to the events above to one adult per child.

For the Christmas Carol concert we will ask parents to express a desire to attend, but we will have to limit the number of parents that can attend due to the current situation. However, we will live stream the event from the Church. We will provide more information about this in the coming days.

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God Bless.



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