



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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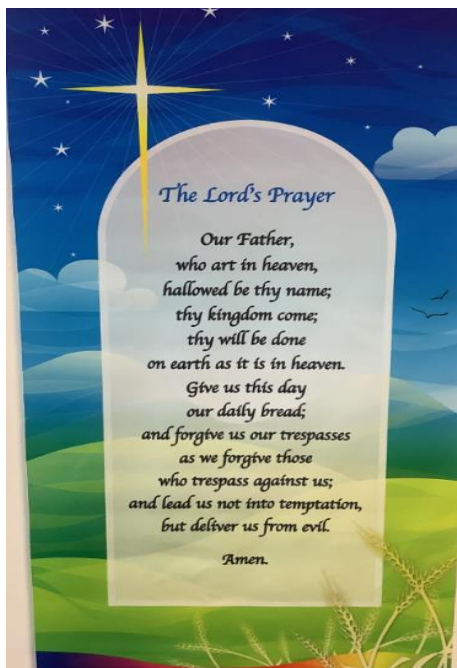


Dear parents/carers,

We are super busy in school in the lead up to Christmas – we can't quite believe there are only 4 weeks left of this term!

Celebration of the Word

This week in our whole school Celebration of the Word, the children discovered that we can trust that God is always with us in times of trouble. We can turn to God in prayer to help our brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith.



Year 5 attended Mass this week, which was held for the intention of Anna Bradley. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended this mass in support of the children.

Year 6 led Celebration of the Word in school today, with the theme of 'Jubilee'. Thank you to all parents and carers who came to school to support the children. We are sure you will all agree, the singing and readings were beautiful. Thank you to parents/carers who were able to stay for refreshments, it is lovely to welcome our families into school and share our Celebration of the Word with you all.

Catholic Life in School:

Children in Need

Thank you for all of the donations we received for Children in Need. We had some wonderful Children in Need outfits and head wear in school.

We raised £129.90 for this worthwhile charity.



Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnie's children have been selling remembrance crosses in school this week. They can be decorated and the children have been writing names on them for people they would like to remember. Some of them have been placed on our remembrance tree in school.



CAFOD

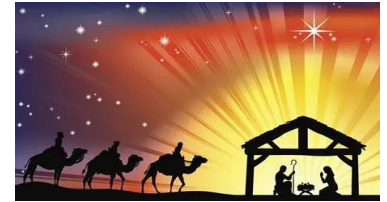
Our CAFOD club are collecting unwanted good quality children's picture books and chapter books to be sold at the Christmas Fayre.

The money raised will go towards CAFOD's teach someone to read campaign which costs £12 to help a person learn to read.

If donated books could be brought into school from Monday 24th November until Friday 28th November. Books will be £1 for a picture book and £2 for a chapter book at the Christmas Fayre.

Christmas Events

There are lots of events happening in school in the run up to Christmas – please make a note of them in your diary.



Friday 28th November – Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 28th November, to collect donations for our tombola stall at our Christmas Fayre. Children can come to school in non-uniform, please remember children will still be outside at break and lunchtime, so coats and sensible shoes should be worn. No make-up or jewelry should be worn. Suggested donations would be chocolates and toiletry gift sets.

Thursday 4th December – Year 1

Year 1 will be attending Silksworth Ski Slope for a morning of snow tubing, followed by hot chocolate and maybe a visit from Santa! There is a parental consent form on Arbor for Year 1 parents to consent to the event.

Thursday 4th December – School Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the Friends of St. Joseph's who are once again arranging our school Christmas Fayre. This will be held in the school hall and the parish rooms from 3.30pm onwards. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Tuesday 9th December – EYFS Nativity

Our Nursery and Reception class Nativity this year is 'Sleepy Shepherd' all parents and carers of our nursery and reception class children are welcome to attend the performance at 10.30am in the school hall.

Wednesday 10th December – EYFS Nativity

A second performance of our 'Sleepy Shepherd' nativity at 10.30am in the school hall, parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 10th December – School Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch



Our school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 10th December, where the kitchen will be serving a traditional Christmas lunch of roast turkey with all of the trimmings followed by Chocolate Ice Cream Yule Log and Strawberry Sauce.

If your child has packed lunch and would like a school Christmas lunch on this day, please let the school office know by Thursday 4th December. This will be priced at £2.95 for children in Year 3 – Year 6.

Christmas Jumpers can be worn in school on this day, with normal school trousers/skirts.

Thursday 11th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production

Our Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production this year is called 'Boogie Woogie Nativity'. Our first performance will be in the school hall at 2pm on Thursday 11th December. Parents and carers are all welcome to attend.

Friday 12th December – Year 1 and year 2 Christmas Production

A second performance of 'Boogie Woogie Nativity from Year 1 and Year 2 at 10.30am in the school hall. Parents and carers are all welcome to attend.

Friday 12th December – Santa Dash

We will be participating in one of the most joyful events in the school games calendar – the National Santa Dash. Children need to wear their school uniform but they can wear festive headwear and tinsel to run in. Each class will participate in the event during the day.

Monday 15th December – KS2 Carol Service

Our annual Key Stage 2 carol service will take place at Our Lady Immaculate Church on Monday 15th December at 1.30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 16th December – Panto in school

Oh no there isn't – Oh yes there is!!!

The Midlands Theatre company will be performing 'Rick Whittington' pantomime in school. This will take place in the morning and all children in school will be attending.

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Party

Nursery, Reception and Year 6 will have their Christmas Parties on this day. The children can wear their party clothes (non-uniform) in school, however, please remember they will still be going outside during the day, so appropriate shoes need to be worn.

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Party

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will have their Christmas parties on this day. The children can wear their party clothes (non-uniform) in school, however, please remember they will still be going outside during the day, so appropriate shoes need to be worn.

Christmas Chocolate Hamper

We will be holding our annual Christmas Chocolate raffle again this year and selling tickets at our Christmas Nativities. They will be £1 per strip, the prize being a hamper full of chocolate goodies.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the Elm Tree Garden Centre and Tearoom, Washington Road, we were chosen to have a donation of seeds, plant pots and compost from a campaign on their facebook page. Thank you to any families who voted for us to receive these things. They will be put to great use in school.

Staff Shout Out

The staff shout out this week goes out to Miss Cutter, Mrs Easton and Mrs Johnson, who accompanied our Year 6 children to Derwent Hill recently. Thank you all for giving up your precious family time to allow our children to have a fantastic experience. You are superstars!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Keeping Children Safe

Every member of staff in school will act to keep children safe. Our designated staff who have a lead role in keeping them safe are:

Mrs E Maher - Headteacher

Mrs F Lawton – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs J Johnson – Senior Leader

Mrs P Swanston – Business Manager

Mr R Topping Safeguarding Link Governor

Lunch Money

School lunch is £2.95 per day. Payments for school lunches must be made on the Monday for the week ahead. We cannot operate a system which allows arrears to build up for meals taken in previous weeks.

What's on this Term – this may change and new dates maybe added

Friday 21 st November	Celebration of the Word – Year 6, School Hall 9am
Thursday 27 th November	Emotional Health and Wellbing talk – Year 3 and Year 4 School nursing team
Friday 28 th November	Non-Uniform day – Donations for Tombola Prizes
Tuesday 2 nd December	Mass in Church – 10am, Reconciliation Service, Year 4 leading
Thursday 4 th December	School Christmas Fayre – School Hall and Parish Rooms 3.20pm
Thursday 4 th December	Year 1 – Snow Tubing at Silksworth Ski Slope
Friday 5 th December	Celebration of the Word – Year 3, School Hall 9am
Tuesday 9 th December	Mass in Church – 10am Year 1 attending
Tuesday 9 th December	EYFS Nativity School Hall – 10.30am
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 5 – Dodgeball event at Sunderland Tennis Centre
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity School Hall – 10.30am
Wednesday 10 th December	School Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas Production – 2pm school hall
Friday 12 December	KS1 Christmas Production – 10.30am school hall
Friday 12 th December	Santa Dash in school – Wear Festive Headwear or tinsel to run in
Monday 15 th December	Church - Key Stage 2 Carol Service, 1.30pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Pantomime in school (am) – Rick Whittington
Wednesday 17 th December	EYFS School Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 6 School Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th December	Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 school Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	School Breaks up for Christmas