



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 15

Friday 22nd December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful end to the Autumn term this week with plenty going on. Well done to the Key Stage Two classes for both Carol Concerts performed this week which were well received by Grandparents at Monday's event and by parents yesterday in church. It was wonderful to have the chance to reflect and prepare ourselves for Christmas and listen to the joyful singing from the children.

As we break up for the Christmas holidays, we would like to thank all our children, parents, carers and staff who help make our school community a wonderful place to be. We like to wish all our families a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 8th January for the start of the Spring term.

Attendance

Well done to Year 3J for having the best attendance this week!

FYBS	82%
FYM	91.2%
Y1S	91%
Y1L	94.4%
Y2E	93.3%
Y2K	93.3%
Y3J	98.8%
Y3G	98.5%
Y4L	95%
Y4R	98.4%
Y5W	98.7%
Y5R	98.7%
Y6J	96.8%
Y6H	92.5%

Rudolph Run

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to the Rudolph Run which took part this week, the children had a great time wearing their antlers and running round our daily mile track. To date we have raised £620 from the Rudolph Run and a further £185.22 from the Year 6 Craft sales, well done to everyone! If you still would like to donate, please visit the following link- [Fundraising for Birmingham Hospice \(formerly Birmingham St Mary's and John Taylor Hospices\) \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Fundraising-for-Birmingham-Hospice).

Beacon Family Services- Connect for kids

Connect for Kids is a therapist-directed, structured group that incorporates playful, cooperative and nurturing 'Theraplay' activities, promoting emotional well-being. They help children to feel safe within a collaborative group of other children and grown-ups.

Their next Connect for Kids group starts on **Wednesday 17th January, 16:15-17:00**. Find out more about Connect for Kids and sign up visit [Connect for Kids - play based social and emotional support - Beacon Family Services \(beaconservices.org.uk\)](https://www.beaconservices.org.uk)

[Pause- Forward Thinking](#)

Please find attached the Christmas opening hours for 'Pause' which is a service which helps any young person (under the age of 25 and registered with a Birmingham GP) with their mental health and wellbeing. Parents and carers can also go to Pause for support if they are concerned about their child's mental health and wellbeing.

[INSET Days](#)

Another reminder of the INSET dates agreed by our Governors. The dates are:

Friday 9 February 2024

Thursday 4 July 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

[PTA News](#)

Another huge thank you to our PTA who have confirmed this week that a profit of £995 was made from the School Disco night. The profits will go towards our aim of buying more iPads for the school. Thank you also to all those who supported the event. The next PTA meeting to discuss future events is at 3:30pm on Thursday 25th January in school.

[X \(formally known as Twitter\)](#)

Twitter, now known as X, is a wonderful platform for us to share news, photos and achievements with you. In order to ensure that we use it as safely as possible, we vet all 'follower requests' and only allow trusted individuals or organisations to follow us. If you have requested to follow us and we haven't confirmed, please drop an email to enquiry@stjosutton.net telling us what your Twitter handle is and we will accept your request as soon as we can. The school's handle is @StJosephsCP

[Safeguarding Support over the Christmas Holidays](#)

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child at our school, please contact the following address: **dsl23@stjosutton.net**. For any concerns that are an emergency, please contact the police by calling 999. You can also make a referral to CASS by phoning 0121 303 1888. Full details can be found by clicking this link [CASS Contact](#).

[After School Clubs Next Half Term](#)

Day	Club	Information on Booking
Mondays	Yoga Jo	Please email joasiafletcher@gmail.com
Tuesdays	Netball Years 5 & 6	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Mrs Lewis
Tuesdays	Illustration Club Years 2,3 & 4	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Miss Green
Tuesdays	Mindfulness Club Years 2-6	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Miss Johnstone
Wednesdays	Leap Frog for Years 1 & 2	please visit www.leapfrogsports-suttonandlichfield.co.uk and scroll down to the timetable – After school club, click on St Joseph's and you can book.
Wednesdays	Musical Ensemble	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Mr E Smith from Services for Education
Thursdays	Homework Club	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Mrs Chambers
Thursdays	Story Time Craft Club- Yrs 1 & 2	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Miss Evans and Mrs Korimbocus
Fridays	Rugby Tots FY, Y1 & 2	https://www.rugbytots.co.uk/Sutton-Coldfield/Class/Details/82540

This is the last Newsletter of 2023, on behalf of all the staff, we thank you for your kind Christmas wishes, cards and gifts.

*We are lucky to have such wonderful children and supportive families.
We wish you a Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas break.*



Have a very Happy Christmas, from all of the staff here at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.



This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Advent



I will do what God asks

**Mary loved God so much that she was ready to do whatever he asked of her.
Trusting him completely and always ready to please him she agreed to become the
mother of his son, Jesus.**

Dates for your diary Spring 2024		
Monday 8 th January	8:45am	Spring Term Starts- Children return from Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 9 th January	PM	Year 5W start swimming lessons- <i>parent help with walking the children to Whitehouse Common Swimming baths would be greatly appreciated.</i>
Tuesday 23 rd January	8:45am	Coffee & Chat- Home support advice
Thursday 25 th January	3:30-4:30pm	PTA Meeting in school

Yours sincerely,

Mr G M O'Hara
Principal

Mrs L Chambers
Vice Principal

Mr J P Lynch
Assistant Principal