



To follow Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

Newsletter No.7 Friday 9th December 2022
Fortnightly News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our seventh fortnightly newsletter and the last for this calendar year! We are really pleased with how the children continue to work hard in the classroom. We have been a little disappointed with some children making wrong choices with their behaviour at lunchtime in the junior classes and ask that you remind your child of the expectations of looking after others and their property, as well as showing respect and manners at all times. The New Year will be a fresh start!

Staffing changes

Last Friday we welcomed the return of Mrs Holmes who will be working predominately with children in Key Stage Two to support their learning, specific interventions and with any teaching missed during the last few years' lockdown restrictions. We are sure you will make her feel very welcome back.

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Chambers will return to St Joseph's in the New Year from her secondment at Holy Cross Primary. Mrs Chambers will take up her role as Vice Principal with Mr Lynch continuing his role as Assistant Principal. We wish her all the very best on her return and thank Mr Lynch for stepping up into the role in her absence.

As planned, Mrs O'Hara will be leaving us at the end of the term, as the Year 5O class teacher, to take on a teaching writing consultancy role. We would like to thank her for her dedication to the children. We look forward to seeing her in the New Year as she will be working with staff and children across the school supporting writing.

Year 5O have already been informed that their new teacher will be Mr Rothwell and rebranded as Year 5R.

It is with regret to announce that Miss Fraser is also leaving St Joseph's at the end of this term following her promotion to become Bishop Walsh's new SENDCO. We would like to thank her for all her dedication during her time at St Joseph's and wish her all the very best in her new role. We will be welcoming Miss James, an experience Y6 Catholic Teacher, who will become the Year 6 teacher for 6F, now Year 6J.

Both Y5R and Y6J will continue to have support by Mrs Bowkett and Mrs Mahoney. Mrs Terry continues to be our SENCO supported by others in the school.

Years 3 & 4 Multi-Skills & Year 1 & 2 Multi-skills events

Well done to the all the children that took part in the Year 3 and 4 Multi-skills competition on the 30th November and those that took part in the Year 1 & 2 Multi-skills competition on 6th December. We are really pleased that you had so much fun and of how well you performed. Thank you to Miss Birch. Miss Green and Miss Sheppard for helping the children with these events.



Foundation & Year 1 Nativity

Well done to FY and Year 1 for their wonderful re-telling of the Nativity story. We are really pleased with how you learnt the lyrics to all those carols. Thank you to all the staff and parents for their time and efforts in preparing the children.





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Year 2 Christmas Nativity Tableau

It has been a busy few weeks for Year 2 culminating in their fantastic Nativity Tableau yesterday, a simple and accurate account of the First Christmas. It was lovely to see how brilliantly the children knew the carols and how they had learnt their parts. Thank you to all the staff and parents for ensuring the children were well prepared for this performance.

Winter Games

Please see attached with this newsletter information regarding the Sutton Coldfield Community Winter Games which takes place on Monday 19th December at BMET College.

PTA Disco

Many thanks to the new PTA team who arranged their first event last night. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas discos. The DJ was extremely complimentary about how well behaved the children were. Thanks to all parents for braving the cold weather and attending. Initial profits raised for the PTA look to be about £600 (tbc).

Dates for Diary

Tuesday 13 th December 9:20am	FY and KS1 Santa Panto
Tuesday 13 th December 1.30pm	KS2 Santa Panto
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15 th December	School Nurses in for Flu boosters
Thursday 15 th December at 2pm at Holy Trinity Church	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Children return from Christmas holidays
Please also note we have the following INSET days on Friday 17th February 2023 and Monday 27th February 2023	



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During this time of Advent, we reflect upon the gift that is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ, come into our world of darkness
 Light up our lives with your coming.
 Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth
 Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world
 And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.
 Amen.

From all the staff at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year when the children return on Tuesday 3rd January.

Yours sincerely,

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