



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 13

Friday 8th December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been particularly busy with both the Foundation and Year 1 Nativity, 11 minutes of Joy, and also Year 2's Nativity, 20 minutes of Bliss, taking place. Well done to all the children and staff for helping to prepare both events and thank you also to the parents for helping to get the children ready to say their lines and to know the carols so well. We are all very proud of all the children for the roles they played. A wonderful start to Advent.

Dates for next week-

Thursday 14th December- 9:00-10am- D&T Parent Workshop

Thursday 14th December, 3:30-4:15pm- KS1 PTA disco & 4:40-5:15pm KS2 PTA disco

Friday 15th December- 10am -Y5 and Y6 at Holy Trinity Church- parent and carers help needed.

Attendance

Well done to FYM for 100% attendance

FYBS	96.88%
FYM	100%
Y1S	96.43%
Y1L	95.37%
Y2E	98.33%
Y2K	97.09%
Y3J	94.53%
Y3G	98.48%
Y4L	99.17%
Y4R	94.35%
Y5W	92.24%
Y5R	95.97%
Y6J	92.74%
Y6H	90%

Punctuality

A huge thank you to all those parents who bring their children to school on time every day. Being in school on time each day gives your child a great opportunity to prepare themselves for the day's learning. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in the amount of children arriving late. To help support your child's mental well-being, giving them this preparation time at the start of the school day is really beneficial. Please could you help your child to achieve the best they can by bringing them to school on time. Do not hesitate to contact Mrs Holmes if you need any support getting your child to school on time.

Mass dates and times over the Christmas period

To help your child's Catholic faith to continue to grow, it would be extremely beneficial for them to attend Mass over the Christmas period. Please see attached to this week's newsletter the dates and times of Mass at Holy Trinity Church during the liturgical season of Christmas.

Uniform expectation

We have been reminding children of our expectations of wearing the school uniform with pride, we kindly ask that you support us and reinforce this. We have had a number of children coming to school in trainers, this is not our uniform policy. Please ensure that your child comes to school in black shoes. We appreciate that your child may wish to travel to school in wellies, however they must bring their shoes to change into once at school.

PTA News

Another reminder that our PTA school disco will take place on Thursday 14th December. Key stage One children will be able to get changed with staff supervision before their disco starts at 3:30pm and they are due to be collected at 4:15pm- you are very welcome to stay and we will have refreshments available to purchase on the night.

Key Stage Two disco will also be for 45 minutes between 4:30- 5:15pm.

All payments for entry must be completed via parent mail before the close of school on Tuesday.

Children's Christmas Lunch

The Children will be having their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20th December, a separate message has been sent via Parent Mail.

School Closure due to bad weather information

Snow and bad weather closure: As we are now at the start of winter we have to plan for what would happen if, for the H&S of the schools' community, the school had to close due to bad weather. We have in previous years made decisions as early as possible using the website and Parent Mail and such decisions will apply to all schools within the Multi-Academy. We will continue to use these mediums of fast communication as it can be quite difficult to get through to the local radio stations. If you haven't been receiving a text or email messages from school in the past few weeks, please contact the school with your mobile number and your e-mail address so that it can be added to our database therefore ensuring fast communication when it becomes necessary in the future.



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.

Dates for your diary Autumn 2023		
Thursday 14 th December	9:00-10am	D & T Christmas Parent Workshop- Christmas crafts
Thursday 14 th December	3:30-5.15pm	PTA Christmas Disco
Friday 15 th December	10:00am	Y5 & Y6 at Holy Trinity Church- parent helpers required
Monday 18 th December	10am	Peripatetic Music Concert for parents
Monday 18 th December	2pm	Carol Concert for Grandparents- more info to follow
Tuesday 19 th December	Time tbc	Rudolf Charity Run
Wednesday December	20 th lunchtime	Christmas Lunch for Children

Thursday 21 st December	Time tbc	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church
Friday 22 nd December	3:20pm	School Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 8 th January	8:45am	Spring Term Starts- Children return from Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 23 rd January	8:45am	Coffee & Chat- Home support advice

Yours sincerely,

Mr G M O'Hara

Mrs L Chambers

Mr J P Lynch

Principal

Vice Principal

Assistant Principal