



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last couple of weeks have certainly been busy at St Joseph's. We have really felt the teamwork and unified support from parents and staff as we were preparing for Christmas.

Last week, the children took part in a movie night at school. With so many children wanting to stay behind and take part in our first film evening, it needed a great deal of support from our amazing staff team to pull it all off. The children were given a piece of fruit, a drink, hotdog and some popcorn. It was an incredible evening and it was amazing to see so many of our children having fun after school. We were very fortunate that we had the support of so many friends who donated many of the items that we needed for the evening. It meant that we raised £700! This was an amazing effort. Thank you! As a school, we have all decided that we would use this money to pay for additional reading resources for your children. Thank you for your support!

On the same day, we were visited by an ex-pupil of St Joseph's. Tony Enright and his wife were visiting Deptford on their anniversary. Tony had first started at St Joseph's 70 years ago. He spent an hour in school, reminiscing and sharing his tales about life at St Joseph's. Tony was able to look through our school log books and see the entries for both himself and his siblings. He has very clear memories of the building and his experiences at school. At that time, the school had pupils from age 4 to 15. He could



remember having lessons in each of the classrooms and he was amazed at how similar the building was, and despite the new front entrance, so many places held clear memories for him. On hearing about our fundraising efforts, Tony and his wife very kindly donated £10 towards our collection. It was a real pleasure meeting the couple and hearing their stories. Thank you for

visiting.

On Friday, Year 3 gave us an incredible assembly sharing all of their knowledge of The Stone Age. They really have learnt such a great deal of work. The range of work and the singing was particularly impressive. This assembly demonstrated how hard our children are working and how our teachers are continually making links between learning. Well done Year 3!



On Wednesday, we had both Christmas performances from Key Stage One and Two. It was lovely to see so many parents who attended in both the morning and the afternoon.

Our youngest pupils made sure that they shared the key messages of Christmas with us all. They reminded us all about the true reason we celebrate Christmas and receive presents. They ensured that we remembered that we can all be stars,
*'No matter how small you feel,
You're perfect the way you are,
Keep on trying your very best,
You will always be a star!'*



Key Stage Two performed their Carol Concert in true professional style. They sang hymns - solos, in small groups and as a whole Key Stage. I am always amazed by the musical talent of the children in St Joseph's. They certainly know how to sing. I am sure that you felt very proud. It was lovely to welcome Seve, another past pupil, back to St



Joseph's to play at the concert for the parents and children. What a performance for us all.

It was also lovely to see our raffle ticket winners at both events. I love seeing how delighted the winning parents are. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets for our main raffle, they are still being sold in the school office until next Wednesday. Good luck!

Next week, we will be having our final few days before the Christmas break. We will be continuing to work with your children right up until we break up. Please continue reading with your children and talking to them about their days at school.

Next Wednesday, we break up at 2pm. Please remember to collect your children on time as we have very disappointed children when their parents are late.

We return to school on Tuesday 7th January. (The staff will be in school on Monday 6th January for a staff training day. We will be working hard, ready for your children to return on the following day).

Thank you for your continued support

Nicola Doherty (Headteacher)