



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach Advent, we are all working hard on the different things we can do in the lead up to Christmas. Whilst we usually all have Advent Friends at this time of year, during the current restrictions, we have decided to look at our Acts of Kindness during the month of December. Teachers will be working with the pupils across the school on the different ways in which we can support one another at this time. Please take a look at:

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/the-snowman-and-snowdog-kindness-calendar> for more information.

During the week, you all received information regarding our Christmas Dinner Day. On this day, we are inviting all pupils to come to school wearing their Christmas jumper so that we can raise money for the Mizen Foundation. This foundation has the message of forgiveness, peace and hope – messages that seem to resonate more than ever in this current time. #Jumpers for Jimmy is a way in which we can help spread Jimmy's legacy far and wide. The Mizen Foundation have worked with us for a number of years, and they have provided workshops for our pupils in Year 5 each year, and have even organised for families to go to a Pantomime in central London, paying for both the coaches and the tickets for everyone involved. Please make your contribution through ParentPay. Thank you. If you would like to learn more about the Mizen Foundation, please take a look at: <http://mizenfoundation.org>

The staff, for their Advent project, have decided to do something different this year. We are creating a secret raffle, where all children's names are going into a draw. The families of each child will receive a Christmas package to help them over the Christmas season. Good luck everyone!

This evening your children will all have taken home the details for the parents' evenings which are being held this week and next week. Please see the letter for further details.

**We are having requests for admissions for Reception for September 2021. I am doing a series of virtual meetings for prospective parents. If you have a child born between September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, please feel free to join a meeting to hear about the admissions process for next year.**

Do you follow us on Twitter or Facebook? If not, please follow us on:

 @StJosephsSE8

 @StJosephsDeptford

Our new school tracksuits have arrived in school and they are selling fast. We will put in a new order to ensure that we do not have any pupils who are disappointed. These tracksuits are to be worn for PE days – they are certainly keeping the children nice and warm. PE t-shirts are to be worn inside either the new school tracksuits or a plain navy tracksuit. Shorts do not need to be worn until the weather gets warmer.



Reminders for uniform:

| Misconception (Not Allowed)   | Correct Uniform   |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue shirt  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue school polo shirt  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black skirt   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grey skirt  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trainers  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black school shoes  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ankle boots (including kicker boots)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black school shoes  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shop bought school bag  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's Book Bag (KS1)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's Rucksack (KS2)  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colourful PE kit<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Football tops or shorts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plain navy tracksuit or school tracksuit.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plain navy shorts.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's PE T-Shirt |

Please do stay safe and look after yourselves. If you need to contact me, please email [headteacher@stjps.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@stjps.lewisham.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes

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