



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very different Autumn Term this year. We have all faced many different challenges, ones that we never imagined. Despite the difficulties, I have felt the warmth and real sense of community at St Joseph's throughout the past few months. Parents, staff and children have all come together to support one another in ways we never thought possible. Thank you to you for adapting to the new timings, different routines and procedures and working with us in such a supportive way. We have all developed our technological skills and we are all still learning. A huge thank you to our amazing children and wonderful staff who have been very adaptable and resilient in such unusual circumstances. The curriculum has continued to be rich and engaging and we have thoroughly enjoyed the laughter and many smiles from our pupils who have got us through the last few months.

Without our traditional nativity and carol concert this year, we have instead uploaded the Christmas videos on to Goggle Classroom. Take a look at your children singing their Christmas songs.



The staff, for their Advent project, have gone above and beyond this year. We created a secret raffle, where all children's names went into a draw. The families of each child have received a Christmas package to help them over the Christmas season. There was certainly lots of excitement as pupils saw through the window the packages growing inside my office! Thank you to our amazing staff for putting these together and donating money and resources.

An important letter was sent home yesterday and emailed this morning regarding what to do about notifying School if you have a positive case of Covid19 in your household over the holiday period. Please make sure you read it carefully.

We are busy planning the Spring Term where we will hold different meetings and workshops for parents throughout the first few weeks. Although we know that we will be continuing to have many restrictions in place, we will be holding these meetings virtually which will hopefully enable many of you to attend.

- Parents' and Community Forum
- Phonics Workshop
- Maths Workshop
- Reading Workshop
- RSE Workshop

More details will be sent out in the New Year but it would be great if as many of you could attend.

**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:



Reminders for uniform:

Misconception (Not Allowed)	Correct Uniform
<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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's Rucksack (KS2)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colourful PE kit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Football tops or shorts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plain navy tracksuit or school tracksuit. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plain navy shorts. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's PE T-Shirt

Please do stay safe and look after yourselves. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. If you need to contact me, please email

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Thank you for your continued support. Happy Christmas. Wishing you all the best wishes for 2021

Best Wishes

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