



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 12

Friday 1st December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd like to thank our the Parents and Teachers who have done a fantastic job of putting on two film nights this week for Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. We really appreciate them giving up their own time and the effort put in. Sadly, with such a small number of parents who attend the meetings (6 at our last PTA meeting) and a similar number that come to support the events it is a real challenge putting these events on. It was great to see so many children enjoying the film nights which does make it all worthwhile.

Please see diary dates below, including the table at the bottom of the newsletter.

Dates for next week-

- **9am Tuesday 5th Dec FY & Y1 Carols in the hall- 2 tickets issued per child must be brought on the day**
- **9am Thursday 7th Dec Y2 Nativity in the hall- 2 tickets issued per child must be brought on the day**
- **10am Friday 8th Dec Y2 attending Mass at Holy Trinity- parent helpers needed**
- **Friday 8th Dec PTA Non-Uniform fund raising- Festive outfits or jumpers- £1 donation please**

Attendance

Well done to FYBS for their 100% attendance, well done!

FYBS	100%
FYM	97.06%
Y1S	95.98%
Y1L	95.83%
Y2E	93.33%
Y2K	95.83%
Y3J	98.44%
Y3G	96.48%
Y4L	99.58%
Y4R	89.52%
Y5W	97.84%
Y5R	98.39%
Y6J	95.16%
Y6H	86.67%

Academy School Photos

Just a polite reminder that any order forms for school photographs must be handed into the office by the end of the day on Monday. If you wish to make an order after this date you will need to visit the Academy Photo's website to place your order.

PTA News

Our PTA will be meeting via zoom on Monday at 6pm to discuss future plans and organisation of the **Christmas Disco on the 14th December**. Please click on the following link 5 minutes before the meeting is due to start to ensure you are admitted in - [PTA Meeting Link - click here](#) Passcode- uzcl7i

Also you will now find in the PTA section of our website the new ratified constitution and also the minutes from the last meeting.

[Christmas Dinner](#)

Please see attached the menu for the Christmas dinner. If your child is in Key Stage Two and doesn't normally have a school dinner, then you can now place an order via parent mail.

[Parent Mail](#)

To ensure that you get our parent mail messages, we are asking all subscribers to our parent mail to check that their contact details are up to date. Thank you for your help with this.

[Bring it on Brum Sports Camp](#)

Please see attached information on how to book your child at a Free Sports Camp taking place over the Christmas Holidays at Bishop Walsh. As part of the Camp children will be provided with a free lunch.



Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year.

May we pause to remember that we have **hope** in you.

You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have promised that it will be a victorious ending. Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.

We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation! Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again.

More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation.

Amen.

Dates for your diary Autumn 2023		
Tuesday 5 th December	9am	FY & Year 1 Carols in the school hall
Thursday 7 th December	9am	Year 2 Nativity in the school hall
Friday 8 th December		Non-Uniform- Festive Outfits
Friday 8 th December	10:00am	Y2 at Holy Trinity Church- parent helpers required
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 20 th December	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,

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Principal

Mrs L Chambers
Vice Principal

Mr J P Lynch
Assistant Principal