



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 14

Friday 14th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at yesterday's D&T Christmas Workshop, we hope that you enjoyed getting creative with your child. Also this week the PTA held Christmas discos for both key Stages. Thank you to the Parents and Teachers who helped support this week's Christmas Disco. It was great to see all the children enjoying themselves and helping to raise some funds.

Dates for next week-

Mon 18th Dec 10:15am - Peripatetic Music Concert for parents.

Mon 2pm Carol Concert for Grandparents- all pre booked seats.

Tues 19th Dec- Rudolf Charity Run- Donations via just giving link (see below)

Wed 20th Dec- Children's Christmas Lunch

Thurs 21st Dec- Key Stage Two Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church

Attendance

Well done to Y2K for 100% attendance!!

FYBS	95.5%
FYM	85.1%
Y1S	92.4%
Y1L	94.7%
Y2E	90%
Y2K	100%
Y3J	91.96%
Y3G	97%
Y4L	93.8%
Y4R	94.5%
Y5W	95%
Y5R	93.6%
Y6J	95.9%
Y6H	89.5%

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 another reminder of the dates and times of Mass at Holy Trinity Church during the liturgical season of Christmas.

Holy Trinity Church Christmas Appeal

If you are able to donate a gift for a child who is less fortunate our Holy Trinity Church would be most grateful. Please leave wrapped and labelled (boy/girl/age) children's gifts (5-11 years) under the tree in church by Sunday 17th December. Please do not donate food such as chocolates, thank you in advance.

INSET Days

Another reminder of the INSET dates agreed by our Governors. The dates will be Friday 9 February 2024, Thursday 4 July 2024 and Monday 22 July 2024

Rudolph Run

Another reminder that, along with other schools in our MAC family, we will be supporting the Birmingham Hospice (formerly John Taylor) by taking part in the Rudolph Run on Tuesday 19th December.

Hettie the Hedgehog has visited the children to introduce the fundraiser and explain how important the money that they raise is in supporting patients in their hospices. All of the children will receive some antlers when they take part in the run!

By raising £53 this December, the school could pay for a bereavement support session for someone who has lost a loved one; £157 would cover the cost of an OT home visit to help aid independence or even just £20 will pay for a teddy bear containing a voice recording of a terminally ill person which can be treasured by loved ones when they have died.

Let's take the reins and help local families living with a terminal diagnosis, by providing the support they need to have the best Christmas possible!

Every child will be taking part by running laps around the playground wearing their reindeer antlers and you can sponsor your child by using our Just Giving page [Lauren Chambers is fundraising for Birmingham Hospice \(formerly Birmingham St Mary's and John Taylor Hospices\) \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/lauren-chambers-birmingham-hospice).

We understand the financial pressures that this time of year can bring but even a small donation can help make a huge difference. Many thanks for your support from everyone at St Joseph's

After School Clubs Next Half Term

Day	Club	Information on Booking
Mondays	Yoga Jo	Please email joasiafletcher@gmail.com
Tuesdays	Netball	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Mrs Lewis
Tuesdays	Illustration Club	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Miss Green
Tuesdays	Mindfulness Club	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Miss Johnstone
Wednesdays	Leap Frog for Years 1 & 2	please visit www.leapfrogsports-suttonandlichfield.co.uk and scroll down to the timetable – After school club, click on St Joseph's and you can book.
Wednesdays	Musical Ensemble	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Mr E Smith from Services for Education
Thursdays	Homework Club	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Mrs Chambers
Thursdays	Reading for Pleasure Club	Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Miss Evans and Mrs Korimbocus
Fridays	Rugby Tots FY, Y1 & 2	https://www.rugbytots.co.uk/Sutton-Coldfield/Class/Details/79743

Educational Visits 2023-2024

All costs per pupil are approximates based on previous quotes

	Foundation Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn term	Theatre Trip (Cost £21.70)	Visit to Sutton Park No cost	Animal Man Visit (Cost £4.50)	Stone Age Man Visit (Cost £11.50)	Cadbury World (Cost £19.50)		Alton Castle Cost (Cost £31)
Spring term	Visit to Lichfield Library and travel there on the train. (cost tbc)		Selly Manor (Cost £11.50)	Think Tank! Dinosaur Discovery workshop (Cost £20)			
Summer term	Sutton Park with Donkey Sanctuary (cost tbc)	Warwick Castle (Cost £22)				Wolseley Centre (Cost £22)	Culmington Manor Residential trip (Cost £314)



This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent

God our Father,
 As we look forward to Christmas the excitement is growing.
 Just as the light from the Advent wreath grows brighter,
 We pray that the light of Jesus will grow brighter in our lives too.
 Help each of us to make a fresh start this advent;
 to put right what is wrong and to truly live as Jesus showed us.
 Amen



Dates for your diary Autumn 2023

Monday 18 th December	10:15am	Peripatetic Music Concert for parents
Monday 18 th December	2pm	Carol Concert for Grandparents- more info to follow
Tuesday 19 th December	Various	Rudolf Charity Run
Wednesday 20 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch for Children

Thursday 21 st December	2pm	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church
Friday 22 nd December	3:20pm	School Break up for Christmas Holidays
Dates for your diary Spring 2024		
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
Principal

Mrs L Chambers
Vice Principal

Mr J P Lynch
Assistant Principal