



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 30th November



Dear Parents,

With the start of Advent on Sunday, our thoughts well and truly turn to Christmas, particularly its real meaning and the cause for all of the celebrations, the birth of our saviour Jesus. We look forward to welcoming you to as many of the numerous 'events' taking place during the next three weeks, including our Advent Service on Monday at 9:10am; what better way to start this special season of preparation? Have a lovely weekend.

Choir Concert – Royal Albert Hall

On Monday our wonderful School Choir enjoyed performing at the Royal Albert Hall...yes...that's right...the Royal Albert Hall! The boys and girls were part of a larger choir of over 1000 children who put on a marvellous performance in aid of the Barnardo's charity. The children sang beautifully and were very well-behaved throughout what was a very long and demanding day for them. Well done!

Afternoon Tea

On Monday afternoon, the Chaplaincy Team once again visited the Parish Hall to share Afternoon Tea with the over 60's...and as always they were the perfect hosts and took cards and treats to mark the coming festive season.

Year 6 Class Mass

On Thursday Year 6 celebrated their last 'Class Mass' together (apart from their Leavers' Mass of course!). The theme for the Mass, 'Expectations', was particularly pertinent in terms of the season of Advent but also for Year 6 as they continue on their educational journey in the coming months.

Parent Workshops and Home /School Learning Partnerships

Numbers seem to be decreasing once again. I know times are not always ideal but where possible we do vary and repeat. These sessions are vitally important for you as the first educators of your children. These enable you to have a greater awareness of the current educational climate as well as key priorities for us and for your child's progress. These are fantastic opportunities for you to learn and to support your child in the right way. **If you have any workshops you would like us to run in the Spring term (January to March) please make a note at the office (the sheet is up). I would much rather this be of use to you and have more attend than waste staff time.**

Reverse Advent Calendar

During advent your child will be allocated a day to bring in an item. All donated items (i.e. food or toiletries) will then be made into a class hamper and donated to the homeless. More information about this will follow from your child's class teacher.

Parent/Pupil Daily Reminders

As part of our Home-School Partnership it is vital that we continue to work together to support our children in their learning. With this in mind, please ensure that you consistently take time to read with your child, practice TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed, and use the resources on Espresso to support their learning experiences in school, thus enabling them to reach their full potential throughout the curriculum.

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
98.7%
Year 3
HOUSE POINTS
Matthew

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Aisha and Elnathan

Reception
Johnny and Sophie

Year 1
Iva and Joshua

Year 2
Alexander and Rose

Year 3
Cardmel and
Sebastian

Year 4
Luisa and Soumi

Year 5
Juliette and Alex

Year 6
Ella and Rebecca

THIS WEEK'S WRITERS

Year 1
Lola

Year 2
Christian W

Year 3
Jerron

Year 4
Jamil

Year 5
Giovanni

Year 6
Jessica

Bicycles and Scooters

Whilst we actively encourage children to come to school on their bicycle/scooters, in the interests of the health and safety of all concerned, children are not permitted to ride them whilst on school premises. Any child seen riding their bicycle/scooter on school premises (once they enter the school gates) will have this privilege removed and will not be allowed to do so in future. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Governors Buildings Fund

Thank you to all those parents who have supported with this. It really does make a difference to your children so if you are still waiting to contribute then you still can.

You can now pay your building fund contribution via Parentmail+pay in three instalments of £20.00. If you are a tax payer you can maximise your contribution through gift aid (this does not cost you the tax payer any more money but does benefit the school). Please tick the gift aid box when making your payment through Parentmail+pay. We will then send you a gift aid declaration form to complete. Once again, 'thank you' for your continuing support in helping to make the facilities at St Joseph's some of the best in Hertfordshire.

REMINDERS!

1. Please remember those healthy items for packed lunches.
2. Please remember your child should be wearing their house badges every day to school. Additional badges can be purchased from the school office for 30p
3. Children are NOT to ride Bikes and Scooters whilst on school premises. This is still happening and can cause accidents so parents please be mindful – if this continues then bikes and scooters will be banned!
4. Children are NOT to play in the access road outside the Royal Avenue gate, as this vehicular gate is in constant use.
5. Download the ParentMail App to keep informed of school events and information.

St Joseph's is a 'NUT-FREE' Zone!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 3 rd December	Advent Assembly	9.10am – School Hall
Wednesday 5 th December	Advent Carol Service Chaplaincy Team	All Day – Westminster Cathedral
Wednesday 5 th December	PTA Christmas Disco	3.30pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 6 th December	Math's Parent Workshop	6.30pm School Hall
Monday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	School Closes at 1.00pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Year 6 Carol Signing	2.30pm Waltham Cross Town Centre
Wednesday 12 th December	PTA Tea with Santa	3.30pm – 4.30pm School Hall
Thursday 13 th December	PTA Class Craft Stalls	3.30pm – 4.30m School Hall
Monday 17 th December	PTA Panto & Party Day	All Day
Wednesday 19 th December	Yr 1 and 2 Nativity	2.00pm School Hall
Thursday 20 th December	Nursery and Reception Sing a long	9.30am School Hall
Thursday 20 th December	Carols in Church	2.00pm Church
Friday 21 st December	Last Day of Term	1.30pm School Closes
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	Beginning of Term	-

WEEK TWO - MENU CHOICES

Week Commencing: * 3rd December * 14th January * 4th February * 4th March * 25th March *

DAY	RED	GREEN	JACKET POTATO	YELLOW
MAGIC MONDAY	Sausages and Onion Gravy with Diced Potatoes	Vegetarian Roll with Pasta	Jacket Potato with Various Toppings	Tuna Roll
FRUITY TUESDAY	Lasagne with Side Salad	Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with Various Toppings	Ham Baguette
ROAST WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken with Stuffing and Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Vegetarian Burrito Wrap with Wholemeal Pasta	Jacket Potato With Various Toppings	Cheese Roll
TASTY THURSDAY	BBQ Pork with Savoury Rice	Creamy Pasta Bake with Wholemeal Bread	Jacket Potato with Various Topping	Chicken Roll
FISH FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips or Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips or Pasta	Jacket Potato with Various Toppings	Cheese Baguette

A Healthy Packed Lunch

Suggestions for food to include in a healthy packed lunch

- **At least** one portion of fruit or vegetable every day.
- Meat, fish or other source of non-diary protein (e.g. lentils, beans, soya or hummus), every day
- Oily fish such as pilchards, salmon or tuna
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice noodles, potatoes or other type of cereal every day.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard.
- Cereal bars rather than cakes or biscuits
- Seeds, crackers and cheese, vegetables or bread sticks with a dip

Drinks

- No drinks are to be brought into school – water is provided.
- Water bottles are to be brought on school trips – NO other drink.

FUN FRIDAY

Suggestions for food to include **ON A FUN FRIDAY** in a healthy packed lunch.

- Snacks such as crisps
- Chocolate coated biscuits or wafers **or**
- Small cake e.g. fairy cakes, cake bars, muffins **or**
- Small pudding pot e.g. chocolate mousse)

Foods that should not be brought into school (These are foods that we have already asked not to be brought into school)

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars.
- Sweets
- Nuts or nut products (although they can be healthy there is a very serious risk to other children with allergies).
- Fizzy drinks or any soft drink.



St Joseph's Nursery School



Do you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 ? Are you considering Nursery School?

Give your child the best start in Nursery Education at St Joseph's Nursery School in Waltham Cross.

We welcome applications from all faiths to our Nursery

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