



This weekend marks the start of Advent. In school we will begin preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ. The Advent Prayer bags will come home starting next week.

Attendance W/E 23.11.2018

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total
98.0%	97.0%	97.0%	97.0%	99.4%	96.3%	94.5%	97.1%

The overall attendance from 3rd September to 23rd November is above our target of 97% and currently sits at 97.8%. We are pleased with this figure and thank our parents and carers for their support with this. Please note, we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time.

End of Term Mass in School

On Friday 21st December, Canon will say mass in school at 10:30am. All welcome.

Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The Mini Vinnies are collecting monetary and food donations next Monday and Tuesday in support of the Sisters who are making food parcels to support families in need this Christmas. We are very grateful for all of your donations.

Christmas Market

Next Friday 7th December, the FOSJ Christmas Market will open from 2pm in the hall. The early opening will enable parents/carers to browse prior to the children finishing school at 3:15pm. I do hope that lots of our parents, carers and children are able to spend some time at the school Christmas Market.

Workshops

This week all of our pupils have enjoyed workshops delivered by Stage Coach. These included a range of drama and performance activities to explore a range of topics from the environment to Christmas to traditional tales.

Mrs Lee

At the end of this half term, we will say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Lee. Mrs Lee has been with us for over six years working with pupils in KS2 and due to personal circumstances, Mrs Lee is leaving to spend more time with her family. We wish her all the very best and thank her for her commitment to her role here at St Joseph's.

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Christmas Costumes – Swap Shop

This week, the FOSJ will be holding a **swap shop stall** in the school playground under the shelter. This is an opportunity for parents to bring any unwanted Christmas costumes and swap these for another. This might be helpful for specific parts in the Christmas plays.

Non-Uniform Day

This Friday will be a non-uniform day for pupils. The friends are asking that children bring in donations for the Christmas Fair: FS/K1 chocolate and KS2 – bottles for the tombola.

Raffle Tickets

Please return any raffle ticks to school by Wednesday 5th December.

Movie Night

Movie Night with Santa on Thursday 20th December. Tickets will be on sale until Monday 10th December. There will be no tickets available after this date. These can be purchased online via the **school shop**.

Statement of the Week

'I KNOW WE ARE HAPPIEST WHEN WE ARE UNITED.'

Important Dates:

- 29.11.18 FS Crib Service in Church 4pm
 - 5.12.18 & 6.12.18 Y6 show & share
 - 10.12.18 KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm in church
 - 12.12.18 FS2 & KS1 Christmas Production 2pm & 5:30pm at school
 - 18.12.18 FS1 Nativity (11am)
 - 21.12.18 Mass in school 10:30am
 - 21.12.18 School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm
- PLEASE NOTE:**
Advent/Christmas dates for all classes are on the school website!

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Friday 30th Nov:

- Non-uniform day donations for Christmas Fair
- FS & KS1 - chocolate
- KS2 – bottles

Friday 7th December

Christmas Market. School Hall. Early opening of stalls for parents from 2pm before the launch at the end of the school day at 3:15pm.