



The First Sunday of Advent

Last Sunday marked the first Sunday of Advent. During this very special time, we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Throughout school, our class nativity scenes and Advent wreaths guide us through our worship and each week we will light a candle as we journey together towards the special season of Christmas.

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THIS WEEK WE LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH.

Attendance W/E 30.11.2018

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total
98.3%	97.7%	94.3%	96.7%	93.9%	94.8%	97.2%	96.1%

The overall attendance 3rd September – 30th November is 97.6%

Section 48 Religious Education Report



I am very pleased to be able to share the outcome of our most recent **Section 48 Religious Education Inspection which has been graded as Outstanding**. The report has been emailed out to all parents and carers and will also be available on the school website. I am sure you will agree, that this is a fantastic read, and one which highlights the fantastic work that all stakeholders implement at St Joseph's each and everyday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for their ongoing support and strong home-school partnership where we continue to work together to provide the very best education for all of our pupils.

CO-OP Funding

Hopefully you are aware that St Joseph's have been successful in Co-Op Local Community Funding Initiative. This is a yearlong project and relies solely on the support from our local community, including our parents and carers. Please support us by getting your Co-Op card today! Mrs Towse has sent a letter out on behalf of the FOSJ to all parents and carers this week with further information.

Christmas Productions

Next week we hold our Key Stage Christmas Productions. Please check the important date information or the school calendar for details.

Important Dates:

- 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)
- 19.12.18 FS2, KS1 & KS2 Christmas parties
- 20.12.18 Nursery Christmas Parties
- 21.12.18 Mass in school 10:30am
- 21.12.18 School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm
- PLEASE NOTE:**
There is no choir afterschool on Tuesday 18th December
- Spring Term Dates:**
- 07.01.19 – School opens for the spring term
- 11.01.19 – Grow £1 – FOSJ event
- 17.01.19 – Y6 Marine Engineering Workshop
- 20.01.19 – Family Mass 10am
- 21.01.19 – PSHE Themed Week
- 22.01.19 – Book People Whole School Assembly
- 28-29.01.19 – Y5 Residential

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Mini Vinnies – Franciscan Sister Food Parcel Appeal

On Tuesday this week, our Mini Vinnies along with Mrs Frost and Mrs Tate visited Morrison's to shop for food parcels using the monetary donations from last week's crib service. The children raised £237 which they spent and they also had a large amount of food donations to start off the Christmas hampers. Thank you to all of our families who have sent in monetary and food donations this week. We are hoping to create a number of food parcels which the sisters will distribute over the Christmas period.

School Office

Please note that the school office closes at 4pm Monday to Friday. Staff are always around in school much later than this for example during collection from after school clubs but the office is closed.

New Medical Reporting System

Hopefully you have already seen the letter sent earlier this week detailing changes to our in school reporting system for medical incidents and injuries. We are moving to an electronic system starting on Monday 10th December, where information will be emailed to you in replace of the paper forms. We will continue to contact parents/carers in the event of a head bump or any other serious injury. Paper copies will continue to be sent home from any afterschool clubs such as PE, choir or drama etc.

Christmas Market

This Friday, 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. If you are attending the Christmas Market early and need to collect your children at the end of the school day, please leave via the front hall doors and collect your child from their usual collection point. I do hope that lots of our parents, carers and children are able to spend some time at the school Christmas Market. **Due to the Christmas Market this Friday, there will be no Young Voices Club afterschool. Letters have been sent out about this previously.**

Christmas Decorations in School

Thank you very much to Mrs Towse, Mrs Alderson and Mrs Thornton who kindly decorated the school hall and entrance area with Christmas decorations. We are very grateful for your time and for making the school look even more festive!

FOSJ

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 CAN PREPARE FOR A SPECIAL TIME.

Advent Prayer

God of hope,
Be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond.

Be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together.

Be with us in our worship and our praying together.

Be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond our God of hope.

Amen

