



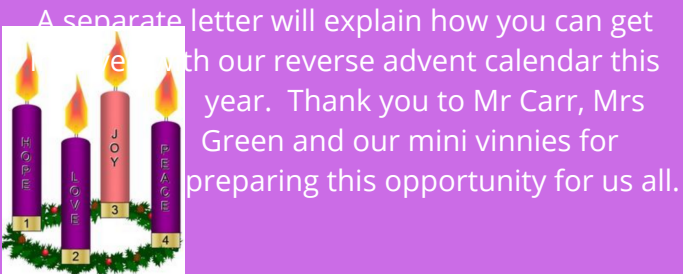
St Joseph's Journal

26th November 2021

Reverse Advent Calendar

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. We prepare for Christ's arrival in this season of joy, hope, faith and love, turning our attention to supporting those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

While the rest of the world rushes through to get to Christmas, at St Joseph's we will use Advent as an opportunity to pause and prepare our hearts to be truly ready to rejoice in the birth of our Saviour this Christmas.



A separate letter will explain how you can get involved with our reverse advent calendar this year. Thank you to Mr Carr, Mrs Green and our mini vinnies for preparing this opportunity for us all.

Congratulations Izzie!

Huge congratulations to Izzie for being a competition winner of the Tomdorden Christmas Lights! Izzie's design was made into a light which can now be seen on the side of the Market Hall and will be used for many years to come. Izzie was also invited to the big switch on last Saturday evening and was presented with a beautiful print of her design by Madam Mayor.



The school has been in contact recently with the Local Authority's Education Welfare Officer out of concern at the levels of absence for some children in our school. **Please note, over the whole year, the national expectation is that children will not require more than 5 days of absence (this incorporates the number of days pupils may be absent due to illness). As a school we are falling short of this expectation and without the help of parents and carers to get children into school we can not meet other educational expectations.** Illness is unavoidable but please make every effort to ensure your child is in school unless it is absolutely essential that they miss.

Nursery - 89.7%
Reception - 88.3%
Year 1 - 91.7%
Year 2 - 97.0%
Year 3 - 100%
Year 4 - 95.8%
Year 5 - 96.6%
Year 6 - 96.0%

Whole school attendance this week: 94.7%
Whole school attendance so far this year: 94.4%
Can we please remind all parents that our school day starts promptly at 8:40am

Early Years Open Day

This Saturday 27th November

10am - 12noon

All welcome!

Come and see our brand new and exciting outdoor area, meet our friendly and professional staff and find out what being part of St Joseph's family is all about!

Whether you are an existing family with a child in Acorns or Beech or new to our school enquiring about a nursery or school place with us, come along and take a look at our brand new facilities.



If you have a child starting in Nursery this January, please return all forms to the office as soon as possible. Visits are starting soon!



Beech: Georgia CH, For her excellent listening and following instructions

Cedar: Jessica G, For being an independent learner

Elm: Umar I, Fantastic listening and effort in French

Larch: Kodi P, For his efforts this week

Oak: Benny Joe C, Great work in PE

Apologies Elm class Star was missed off last week's newsletter

Azaan F, For being super sensible in class & trying his best



Beech: Isabel M, Her excellent singing during school play

Cedar: James P, Always completing his homework (& with enthusiasm)

Elm: Poppy F, Beautiful illustrations in English

Larch: Katelyn K, Her attention to detail and clear explanation in topic

Oak: Olivia B, Some excellent work in English (The Wizard of Oz)

Apologies Elm class Wow was missed off last week's newsletter

Olivia J, Fantastic effort & enthusiasm in PE

Early Years Trip to Gordon Riggs

Nursery and Reception children have had a fantastic day out this week travelling on a bus to Gordon Riggs! They were able to look at all the beautiful light displays and choose a special decoration for the classroom as they begin to make preparations for the wonderful season of Advent. The children took their chosen item to the till and talked about how they pay for something they want to buy. The children's faces were a sight to behold and many who often say less in class were absolutely beaming with excitement over this experience. Well done to Mrs Lockett, Miss Taylor and all our Early Years Team for providing this experience for our children.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7th December EYFS & KS1 afternoon Christmas performance

Wednesday 8th December EYFS & KS1 morning Christmas performance (performances are subject to Covid measures in place)

Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December Whole school trip to Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime & Last day of term

Wednesday 5th January Spring term starts