



# St Joseph's Journal

## 17th December 2021

Happy Christmas!



Thank you to all our families who have supported the school in so many ways this term. There have still been many challenges and despite these, with your backing, our children have managed to sustain a term in school and are now beginning to re-establish many of the routines and roles that make our school unique. All the staff at St Joseph's would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas with every blessing for the new year.

### Christmas Masses

**Fr Peter will be celebrating  
Mass on Christmas Eve at  
7pm and Christmas Day at  
10am. All are most welcome.  
(Please wear a face mask  
unless exempt)**

### A fond farewell...

Amongst the many reasons to celebrate this week, our school family had to say a sad good bye to two very special people. Mrs Flood, who has been a huge part of our school for so long has decided to take retirement and Mrs Moor who has worked in our kitchen for nearly twelve months is moving on to another career. We are so lucky to have such dedicated and caring staff at our school, which makes the goodbyes that much harder! We wish them both every success and best wishes as they begin their new adventures in 2022.

### Music For the Many Christmas Concert

On Thursday afternoon we were treated to a Christmas Concert performed by all the children who have been learning a musical instrument with Music for the Many. We had a wonderful time, singing along to well known Christmas tunes as well as listening to soloists and brand new compositions written and performed by the children.

Elm Class also performed their song which had been part of their music lessons this term and linked to their topic on the Romans.

Huge thanks to Mr Bath and his team of teachers who come in weekly, enthuse our children and inspire them to perform.

What a wonderful celebration of creativity and talent!



## Community Carols Christmas sing-along!

After school sing-along around the  
Peace Garden Christmas Tree,  
Friday 17th December, 3.30pm.

Celebrate the start of Christmas.



## Uniform Purchases

If anyone is purchasing additional uniform for next term here is a little reminder:

- A Navy v-neck jumper or cardigan to include the school logo
- A white shirt and school tie
- A grey skirt or trousers with white, grey or navy socks or plain navy tights
- Black School Shoes
- Navy, white or grey hair bobbles, ribbons and clips.

Please can we also remind parents that hair colour should be 'natural' only, in line with the uniform policy.

Thank you for your support

## Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 5th January** Spring term starts  
Breakfast club from 7:50am  
School starts at 8:40am

## Extra Curricular Clubs

Extra Curricular clubs will be starting again week commencing 10th January. Please note that there will be NO clubs in our first week back after our Christmas break.

Letters will be sent home on Thursday 6th January with details of clubs, times and days and all clubs will need to be booked through the school gateway app. As usual there will be limited spaces so please book early to avoid disappointment.



The children had an amazing trip to the pantomime today; it was such a festive way to end the term and a little treat for all the hard work they have done so far.

We hope there are many more opportunities in the year ahead to enable our children to experience activities beyond the classroom and we are really grateful to you all for supporting this.

We know these are the memories that make primary school so special.

### This Week's Attendance:

Nursery - 100%  
Reception - 94.7%  
Year 1 - 94.4%  
Year 2 - 95.2%  
Year 3 - 100%  
Year 4 - 99.1%  
Year 5 - 98.3%  
Year 6 - 94.2%

Whole school attendance this week: 96.9%  
Whole school attendance so far this year:  
94.6%

**Can we please remind all parents that  
our school day starts promptly at  
8:40am**