

# St Joseph's Newsletter

15/12/2023

We have had a very busy week, thank you for your continued support.

**Christmas Fayre** - an additional £229.00 has been raised through the raffle and tombola, bringing the total amount to £1057.00 Thank you.

#### Raffle prize winners:

Cake – Daisy May, Year 1

Hamper – Ivy-Rose, Year 1

Prosecco bucket – Jenson, Year 4

Brandy – Celine, Year 6

Wine – Sorella-Star, Year 3

Bath set – Leisha, Year 4

Bath set – Amen, Reception

Soaps – Carter, Reception

School finishes on Wednesday 20th December at 2.30pm and the new term begins on Monday 8th January 2024.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

#### Happy Birthday to....

Oakley-Jay

Lamek

Jamin

Christiane

Ollie

Rufael

We remember all those who have died, who we dearly miss.

Eternal rest grant unto them  
O Lord, and let perpetual  
light shine upon them, may  
they rest in peace.

Amen



On Sunday we celebrated the 2nd Sunday of Advent and heard the Gospel of Mark 1: 1-8. John the Baptist prepared people for the coming of Jesus by baptising them. How do we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas? How do people around the world prepare?

We pray for all people around the world who are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus: that we may not forget those who need our help at this special time.

# What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

## Nursery

What a busy week in nursery. The children gave a brilliant performance of "The Sleepy Shepherd" to all their parents and carers, we were so proud of them. We had our Christmas party where we played pass the parcel, musical statues and had yummy party food. There was even a visit from Father



Christmas. In forest schools the children have made magic reindeer food all ready for Christmas Eve and jingle bells.

## Reception

We are so proud of Reception for performing their nativity, "The Sleepy Sheperd". All the children knew their speaking parts amazingly, sang beautifully and behaved wonderfully. We were able to have the best Christmas party and had a special someone come and visit us all the way from the North Pole! He told the children that he was so



impressed with their behaviour all year and heard how wonderful they were in the nativity, that he brought us a special present each.

## Year 1

This week has been a lot of fun. On Monday we got to perform our amazing Nativity for the school and they loved it. On Tuesday we got to show our families our spectacular Nativity and everyone loved it too! We are so proud of ourselves and Year 2. We had our Christmas party on Wednesday and we all dressed up as rockstars. We all looked awesome! Santa visited us at our Christmas party, and we had some delicious food then played some party games. Friday was Mr Lees Musical Extravaganza and it was so much fun! We spent the morning singing and dancing.

## Year 2

Year 2 have had such a fun, festive and busy week! They started the week fantastically with our dress rehearsal of the Nativity and did an even better job when they performed amazingly for all the parents. We are all so proud of every one of you! Everyone had such a fantastic time at our Christmas party, where we danced, sang and even had a special visit from Father Christmas! We finished off our Christmassy week by joining in with Mr Lee's music extravaganza.

## Year 3

Year 3 have had such a busy week with lots of exciting activities! We had a fabulous time dressing up for TTR day as well as visiting the Lowry to watch an amazing performance of Fantastically Great Women Who Changed History. In Science this week we experimented with different rocks and devised tests to explore their different properties! Well done year 3, another great week!



## Year 4

This week has been filled with lots of fun activities! We watched Year 1 and 2 performing their Nativity Play - we couldn't be prouder! On Wednesday, we went to The Lowry to watch Women Who Changed The World musical. We came back very inspired! On Thursday, our weekly drama sessions with Sarah focused on kindness, sharing, listening, respect and understanding. And finally on Friday, we had LKS2 Christmas Party. What a week!

## Year 5

In English lessons this week Y5 have been fully engaged in the Shakespearean tragedy, Macbeth. They first considered how they might portray the setting in the opening scene, in order to create an eerie atmosphere. The children have shown a mature understanding of the themes and impressed us with their delivery of difficult lines. Maths has included converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and a TTR competition dressed as Rockstars. This helped them learn their times tables and was also great fun. As we approach Gaudete Sunday, Y5 have been considering the joy that the birth of Jesus brings. Each day different children have taken home a Nativity scene to share with their families.

## Year 6

This week, we have been writing our reports all about World War 2. The children decided what they were going to write about and then they decorated them with images and drawings. They are all looking amazing. In maths, we have been learning all about fractions. Fractions can sometimes be really difficult but when you show resilience, they start to get easier and the children have found that this week. We finished the week with a wonderful, joyful musical extravaganza with Mr Lee where the children all sang their hearts out.

## This Week's School Attendance

|           |       |        |       |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
| NURSERY   | 94.6% | YEAR 3 | 90%   |
| RECEPTION | 91.2% | YEAR 4 | 80.9% |
| YEAR 1    | 97.9% | YEAR 5 | 97%   |
| YEAR 2    | 95.9% | YEAR 6 | 91.9% |
| SCHOOL    |       | 92.4%  |       |



## Dates to Remember

| Date  | Event   |
|---|---|
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                            | Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party                        |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December                         | 2.30pm – School closes for Christmas                |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January                              | School opens for Spring 1 Half Term                 |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February | Year 6 Lledr Hall Trip                              |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February                            | School closes for the Half Term Break at 3.30pm     |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February                            | School opens for the Spring 2 Half Term             |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                             | School Closes for the End of Spring Term at 2.30pm  |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April                                | School Opens for the Summer 1 Half Term             |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May                                  | School is Closed Today for the May Day Bank Holiday |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May                                 | School Closes for the Half Term Break               |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June                                | School Opens for Summer 2 Half Term                 |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July                               | School Closes for the Summer 2 Half Term            |