

Term 2 4th November 2019 - 19th December 2019

ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

It is always a pleasure to watch the EYFS and KS1 nativity plays and to observe how confident the children are, especially some of our youngest children who have now established themselves at St Joseph's. As I know you are aware, a huge amount of hard work has gone into preparing the costumes and rehearsing the children and I would like to thank the Early Years and KS1 teams for all their hard work again this year.

We are very proud of all our children and we are grateful to those who have represented the school in local events this term. Our choir performed in the annual Children Singing for Children event at St Mary's Church in November and our netball team has also done very well again this term, winning our local Banbury tournament to make it through to the North Oxfordshire tournament in Bicester. Atena, in Year 6, qualified for the North Oxfordshire Cross Country trials, coming 2nd, and qualifying further for the Oxfordshire Competition. She attended this trial last week and came 2nd in this tournament as well – what a wonderful achievement!

We have also had children involved in sports festivals at BGN, visits to Mass in St Joseph's Church and visits to the local library and museum. Wherever they go, our children are wonderful ambassadors for our school.

I would like to thank the hardworking and dedicated FUNdraising team who prepared so well for our annual Christmas Fayre – they are a small team who achieve a huge amount on behalf of the school. Thanks to their hard work and commitment we have raised over £600 for the school.

You will find more information about our activities in our Christmas edition of the school newspaper so do please take a moment to read this – entirely written and edited by our KS2 pupils.

Please remember that we have an INSET Day on Monday, 6th January 2019 and therefore the school will be closed to children. We look forward to welcoming you all back at the usual time of 8.40 a.m. on Tuesday 7th January, 2019.



We will celebrate the Feast of The Epiphany on Tuesday 7th January with Mass at 9.30 a.m. and you are all very welcome to attend.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyful and blessed Christmas.

Best wishes,

Clare Smith



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance for Term 2 - 95.58%

Number of lates	66
Reception	94.80%
Year 1	94.09%
Year 2	94.98%
Year 3	94.01%
Year 4	98.08%
Year 5	98.14%
Year 6	94.94%

Dates for the Diary

January 2020

Tuesday 7th—Start of Term 3

Thursday 30th—Year 6 Junior Citizens visit

February

Monday 1st—Children’s Mental Health Week

Thursday 6th —Year 5 and 6 Hockey event at BGN

Friday 14th at 3.00—End of term 3

Monday 24th —Start of term 4

Monday 24th 3.30—5.30 —Parents evening

Tuesday 25th 5.00—7.30 — Parents evening

Thursday 27th—Year 1 Multiskills festival

Thursday 27th —Eye tests for Reception class

Our virtues next term:

Love & Compassion

if we nurture compassion and love in our pupils, they will treat others with respect and they will learn to empathise with those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence;

Can you help?

We would like to draw your attention to the following good causes in Banbury:

Free Coats for Kids—this is an organisation based in Banbury. Go to Facebook and search **Pop pop boogie**.



Donations are always welcome. Vouchers are available from the Sunshine Centre.

Community Fridge—this is based at the Merton Street Mosque.



FUNdraising Team NEWS

The FUNdraising team would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your continued support. We would like to thank you for attending the Christmas Bazaar and for your generosity in donations. It's great to be able to have the opportunity to see so many of you at this festive time and the children having fun.

We raised a **Grand total** of **£671.61**

This year we have been able to support the school by purchasing a brand-new reading scheme which is utilised within reception and key stage 1.

We have also purchased an outside storage unit for the EYFS garden which will help encourage the younger children to make choices and encourage their skills of independence as they are able to access outside play equipment themselves.

We are looking to plan many more fun events in 2020 and hope you will join us in continuing to support the children at St Joseph's School.

We are always looking for parents to join us, so if you would like to get involved and share your skills please get in touch.

Most importantly the FUNdraising Team would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

