

Christmas is coming

In the last couple of weeks Year 1 have been working extremely hard practising their Nativity, The Christmas Recipe. They are enjoying learning all the new songs and now know them off by heart!

This year Year 1 are either Stars or Snowflakes. They have their own special dances to perform, which are looking fantastic. I know they are particularly excited to perform in front of an audience next week!

In RE Year 1 have been learning about how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The

children visited Riverside Primary to learn about Advent. Included in the afternoon were songs to celebrate Jesus, discussions about the preparation for Jesus' coming, the meaning of

Advent and the children were able to make an Advent Wreath using a paper plate, cut out leaves and candles.

The children discussed the meaning of the colour of the wreath, the shape of the wreath and the importance of the advent candles. It was a lovely afternoon!



Christmas Crafts Workshop



The Christmas Craft session on Friday 8th December was enjoyed by all who were able to attend.



New skills were learned and those who took part had a lovely afternoon, taking home a beautiful Christmas arrangement.



Street dance with Y4/5

Year 4/5 have been busy rehearsing street dances with Ms Wasley (our resident dance teacher) for almost 12 weeks.

Street dance is often improvisational and social in nature; encouraging interaction from spectators. These sessions have been no different and although it has included adult-directed choreography, parts of the show facilitates the enthusiastic and innovative style from the children.

Street dance is a dance style - regardless of country of origin - that evolved outside dance studios in any available open space such as streets, dance parties, parks, school yards and nightclubs. It's no wonder that the routine has been such a success with the children because it comes



hot on the heels of the 'Dance to the Moon' initiative whereby the children were challenged to dance every Thursday lunchtime during the summer term. They eventually danced the equivalent amount of time that it would take to travel to the moon and back!

The routine will entertain the rest of KS1 on Friday before a separate performance to KS2 shortly afterwards.

The children are really looking forward to exhibiting their skills and talents! On behalf of all the year 4/5 staff and our children, we would like to extend a massive thank you to Ms Wasley and Mrs Fielding for working tirelessly to ensure the children are coordinated and confident!

Athletics Success for St Joseph's

St. Joseph's continued their recent tradition of high performance in athletics. This time it was Year 3 and Y4 to succeed.



In an event we hosted, put on by Edsential, St Joseph's competed against 5 different schools from

Wallasey to West Kirby. There was a whole variety of running, jumping and throwing events and when all the scores were added up St. Joseph's came 1st. This was an amazing achievement, well done to Kayne, Lycan, Rhys, Tyler, Mya, Rhea, Eleanor and Summer. Also a huge thank you to Maisy and Aidan from Y6 who helped score the event.

Cross-school competition

As well as being successful in a variety of competitions over the last few years, St. Joseph's aims to give competitive opportunities to as many children as possible. So in partnership with some local schools we have run 2 successful events recently where children have come from different

schools and then the teams have been mixed up. The idea behind this is that rather than having a whole school as an eventual winner, it means that children get to enjoy taking part without the pressure of where their school ranks in the competition.

The 2 events have been a cross-football tournament with Cathcart Street, and a cross-multi sport festival with Hillside and St. Paul's. Both events were extremely well received and the feedback from the children has been excellent. We look forward to working with these schools in the future and hopefully more schools from the area.

Low Bank Ground

Low Bank Ground final balance deadline is today! Please make sure you pay off any owed money as soon as possible. If you haven't already, please speak to Mr McGovern regarding any difficulties you may have with this.



School Attendance

Attendance is good at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!
It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at 95% or above.
 And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage:

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage:

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, Steve Clayton.

Attendance Panels are taking place on

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1/2 (am): Mrs Walker	%	%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	%	%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	%	%
Year 1/2 : Miss Davies	%	%
Year 2: Miss Last	%	%
Year 3: Mrs Richardson	%	%
Year 4 Miss Finnigan	%	%
Year 4/5 Mr McCann	%	%
Year 5: Mr Clare	%	%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	%	%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	%	%

Christmas Masses

at

St Joseph & St Alban



Christmas Eve

St Alban's

Vigil Mass at 6pm

St Joseph's

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Carols at 11.30pm

Midnight Mass

Followed by
mulled wine and mince pies
In the meeting room

Christmas Day

St Alban's

9.30am Mass

St Joseph's

11am Mass of Christmas Day

ST JOSEPH'S PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Many thanks to everyone who donated,
sorted, helped and supported the
Christmas Fayre - your amazing
generosity raised

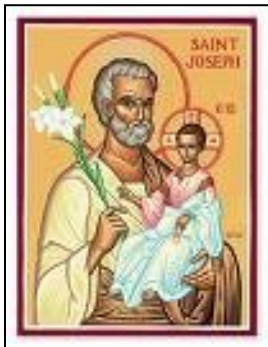
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for the PTA/school funds.

AND

National Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for supporting our National
Christmas Jumper Day, you raised _____
for Save the Children.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

"Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be"

Headteacher Mrs K Vernon

School Office 15th December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

With Christmas drawing near this week's newsletter is devoted to our upcoming Christmas festivities. The children have been so busy in school preparing and are really looking forward to their performances. I would like say a big thank you to you all for your support with costumes, and for helping the children with their lines and songs for our Christmas nativities. I'm sure you will know some of these song as well as our children by now!

Christmas Performances

Foundation Stage Nativity

Foundation Stage will be performing their Christmas Nativity – "A King is Born" on the following dates and times:

Tuesday 19th December 2.30pm

Wednesday 20th December at 10.00am

The morning Nursery Children will only take part in the Wednesday performance and the afternoon Nursery in the Tuesday performance only.



KS1 Nativity

This years' KS1 nativity is called "Christmas Recipe" and performances will take place on:

Tuesday 19th December at 9.30am

Wednesday 20th December at 2.15pm

Entrance to these performances is by ticket only and you will have received a letter earlier with details of this.

KS2 Christmas Carol Service

This will take place in church on **Thursday 21st December at 2.30**. We look forward to seeing you there at this lovely celebration of the Christmas story which, I think is always a fitting finale to our Christmas celebrations. At the end of this service children will be escorted back to school by their teachers and will be dismissed from school in the usual way.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner for children and staff will be on Tuesday 19th December. All children are invited to have the Christmas dinner if they wish. This is free for all pupils in KS1 and the Reception class and will be £2.00 for any pupils in KS2 who are not on free school meals.

Christmas Parties

Christmas Party Day for all children will be on Friday 22nd December and children may come in their own clothes on that day.

Looking ahead, our trip to the pantomime at the Floral Pavilion is on the first Friday back in the new year - January 12th. Please could we ask that payment for this is sent into school before the end of term. Thank you.

Please note school closes on Friday 22nd December at the earlier time of 2.00pm.

So as we head into Christmas week I would like to wish all of you a truly happy and joyous Christmas, on behalf of all the staff and governors of St Joseph's. Thank you to you all for all the many ways in which you support us and your children. We really appreciate it.

Our children return to school on Monday 8th January

Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

Golden Assembly 15th December 2017	
Mrs Walker	Jamie Leigh Sheridan
Miss Howard	Emily Booth
Miss J Turner	George Roberts
Miss Davies	Lucie Evans
Miss Last	Miya Boyd
Mrs Richardson	Megan Pengelley
Miss Finnigan	
Mr McCann	John Chen
Mr Clare	Garry Chapman
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	Shannon Kelly
Mrs Morgan	