



St Joseph's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER



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'Christ be our Light'

November 2023

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What a wonderful term!

I cannot believe we are already approaching the Advent season, it has been a fantastic term and we still have so many wonderful things to look forward to before Christmas.

We are so excited to be involved in the St. Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival. There are more than 35 groups/schools who are taking part in the festival this year. Obviously, I am biased, but I think the tree that has been designed and produced by Mrs Hogarth and Mr Wing to represent St. Joseph's is just spectacular. If you can, please try and visit the festival - our school choir will be performing at the festival on 27th November at 4pm, so this might be a good time to attend. For more information see the St Mary's Church & Parish Centre Facebook page or visit www.stmarysnorton.co.uk

Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events, Mrs Birrell.

Christmas Dinner & Jumpers

Christmas dinner is Thursday 14th December. We have a delicious menu of roast turkey (served with stuffing and pigs in blankets) or quorn casserole, with sides of creamed potatoes, glazed carrots, garden peas & sprouts. For desert, Christmas pudding, chocolate brownie or festive ice cream.

If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas dinner please inform the school office by Wednesday 6th December.

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on the 7th December for National Christmas jumper day, and again, on the 14th December for our Christmas dinner day.

We have many pre-loved Christmas jumpers available at school please contact the school office if you would like us to check for your child's size.

Reindeer Run

Our annual Reindeer Run will take place on Thursday 7th December. This year we will be fundraising for The Butterwick Hospice and for the Ellen Timney Foundation. Fundraising packs will be sent home week commencing 20th November. Thank you in advance for all your support with fundraising for these wonderful charities.

Starbooks

Thank you to our families who have attended our Starbooks sessions. We are delighted that so many of you attended and we hope that enjoyed the time with your children.

Advent Window Winner!

Huge congratulations to Eilidh in class 7 who was chosen as our winner of the Little Donkey Advent Window competition. Her initial design has now been made into a stain glass window ready to be taken to the high street in time for Advent. Many thanks to talented Mrs Roddy for making the design a reality!



Nursery Places & School Open Day

We received a great turn out for our school open day on Tuesday 14th November, thank you to those who attended. Applications for primary school places for September 2024 are now open across Stockton-on-Tees Borough. You can apply using the online form on the primary school admissions page on the Stockton.gov.uk website.

Please contact the school office for an application form for our nursery places.

Advent Liturgies

St. Joseph's Church was very busy last year for our KS2 Advent Liturgy, we know this is always a popular event for families to attend. With this in mind we have limited each Liturgy this year to 4 classes rather than 6 classes like last year. I am sure there will now be more than enough space for families to sit comfortably in church for the service.

New Baby Alert!

Congratulations to Miss Thomas on the birth of her beautiful baby girl - Beatrice - enjoy these precious moments as a family together. God bless you all.

Thank you and good luck

We said goodbye to Mrs Gordon last week. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication to our school and we wish her luck in her new role.

Due to Mrs Gordon's departure we have a vacancy for a Level 3 Teaching Assistant. If you are interested in this opportunity or know anyone who may be and require more information, please click on the link <https://bhcet.org.uk/vacancies/>

Christmas Disco

We are looking forward to our Christmas Disco's on Monday 18th December. Year 1, 2 & 3 disco is 4:30 - 5:45pm. Year 4, 5 & 6 disco will take place between 6 - 7:15pm. Children are invited to dress in their party clothes - hotdogs and drinks will be available. EYFS will have their disco in school time on the 14th December.

To avoid any congestion at drop off and collection times for the disco, we ask for all children to **enter** for the disco for through the **Stable Yard** entrance and to be **collected** after the disco on the **main school yard**.

Joe Zone – After School Wraparound Care

Sessions are as follows

3:15pm – 4:00pm (£3)

3:15pm – 4:45pm (£6)

3:15pm – 5:30pm (£9)

All sessions need to be booked at least 24 hours in advance via our MCAS App. We cannot make telephone bookings on the day for that evening.

Dates for the Diary (Please check MCAS for reminders)

20th Nov – FHC Preparation Session – 3:15pm

21st Nov – Class 8 Assembly for parents – 9:10am

22nd Nov – Individual/Sibling Photographs

23rd Nov – KS1 Mass – 9:30am

24th Nov – Baby & Toddler Photographs

27th Nov – 8th Dec – Class 6 Swimming

27th Nov – Choir singing at St Mary's 4pm – 5pm

29th Nov – Class 3 & 4 Toy Dress Up Day

Theatre Club performance in school hall 4:15pm – 5pm

30th Nov – Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st Dec – PD Day – School closed for pupils

4th Dec – Year 6 Parents Meeting 3:15pm

6th Dec – Active schools festival

7th Dec – Lower KS2 Mass – 9:30am

Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day

Advent Workshop

Choir to take part in the Mayor's Carol Service

8th Dec – First Year 6 London Parliament Visit

Choir singing at Priory Court/Millbeck care homes 1pm

11th Dec – Nursery Singalong 10:45am & 2:45pm

12th Dec – Choir singing at Norton Library 9:30am

13th Dec – Classes 2 & 3 Nativity 2pm

14th Dec – Upper KS2 Mass – 9:30am

Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas jumpers)

EYFS Christmas Party

15th Dec – Classes 4,5,6 & 7 Advent Liturgy 1:45pm

18th Dec – Choir singing at Blackwells 11am

Early Years Bedtime Stories 4:15pm – 5:15pm

Christmas Discos Y 1,2 & 3 (4:30 - 5:45) & Y 4,5 & 6 (6 - 7:15)

19th Dec – Classes 8, 9, 10 & 11 Advent Liturgy 1:45pm

20th Dec – Pantomime in school

21st Dec – Whole School Mass – 9:30am

22nd Dec – School breaks up for Christmas holidays

8th Jan – School re-opens

New dates added are highlighted in yellow.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! November/December

Maxwell G	James R
Charlie R	Freddy T
William C	Alex S
Leila H	George T
Cody R	Max N
Ezra H	Jimi J
Evelyn S	Sophia S
Amelia S	Nena F
Heidi E	Abigail G
Sadie S	Mason F
Arabelle T	Erza W
Theo L	Belle H
Ezra C	Ciara B
Teddy A	Isabella K
Benjamin I	Marcus C-S
Shanelle M	Jacob M
Ella C	Holly P
Heidi C	Jemima S
Michael P-F	George C
Emilie W	Rose L
Ada M	Coriah S
Nell T	Nelly K
Cain S	Aubrey C
Jaxon J	Teddy E
Annie C	