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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



December Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would just like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have been given since arriving at St Joseph's. I was initially seconded part time in September to support Mrs Brown in the position of deputy head teacher - the same role I undertake in my substantive school. However, due to Mrs Brown's absence, I have now been asked to take on the position of acting interim headteacher until she returns. I look forward to working with you to ensure our children have the best possible school experiences.

Mrs Wilson

We are fast approaching the end of term and we have a lot of excited children ready for the festive break! Thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas events this year. It is lovely to get the whole community together and celebrate with the children.

We began the festive season with a trip to see Aladdin at Bishop Auckland Town Hall and this week we have been treated to some fantastic nativity performances. Firstly, we had the brilliant 'Wriggly Nativity' by our EYFS children and then the magnificent 'Magical Christmas Jigsaw' performed by our key stage 1 & 2 children. I was immensely proud of all the children.

Christmas Movie Night

Tuesday 19th December
3.30pm - 4.45pm.



Christmas Mass Times at St Joseph's Church



Christmas Eve Mass: 7.30pm

Christmas Day Mass: 8.30am

As we approach this special time in the Church's calendar, we are all reminded of our call to give peace, hope and joy to others.

School Crossing Patrol

Due to different school holidays there will be no school crossing patrol on Victoria Lane from Wednesday 20th December to Friday 22nd December.



Carol Service and Tableaux

Please join us at St Joseph's Church on Thursday 21st December at 2pm for our annual carol service and tableaux. All are welcome. (Please note change of time)





We are using the 'mychildatschool' app as our online payment system at school. The system will enable you to view balances and make payments for trips and events, school meals and breakfast club without the need to send cash into school. Please contact the school office if you require any further details.

Staffing Changes

After more than 25 years of dedicated service, Mrs Hardy is retiring from her role as school secretary. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing her the very best for the future.

Punctuality and attendance

Please remember that the school gates close at 9am. After this time children will need to be signed into school by an adult. If your child is absent, please let the **school office** know before 9am. You can leave a message on the answer phone to report sickness by pressing line one.

Uniform

School uniform is so important, it represents our school community. We are proud of our uniform at St Joseph's and expect the correct uniform to be worn every day in school.

Spring Term Enrichment Clubs

Monday	Taekwondo	Time: 3:30pm - 4:15pm	Staff: Sports Coach
Tuesday	Fencing	Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Staff: Rob Proud
Wednesday	Football	Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Staff: Sports Coach
Thursday	Y6 Booster	Time: 3:30pm - 4:15pm	Staff: Mrs Wilson/Miss McGough Mrs Brown/Miss
	Herring		
Friday	Multi Skills	Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Staff: Sports Coach

Important Information

Children will need to be collected from clubs by an adult listed on their pick-up list due to the dark nights. Clubs end at different times, so please check the correct time for your child's club.

The staff at St. Joseph's would like to wish you all a Holy and Peaceful Christmas

