



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

*'Walk in the Light of Christ'*

Dear parent/carer,

This half term we say goodbye to Mrs Ross and Mrs Turner (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November) and wish them well on their new ventures. They will both be missed and we thank them for their dedication to our school. Mrs McCabe also begins her Maternity Leave on the same day, we look forward to meeting her new arrival in the coming weeks.

There is lots of information in regard to Christmas events, therefore we are sending this out on a separate sheet to the newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the information provided in the newsletter, please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

Yours thankfully,

Mrs R Whyte

## Fund Raising and Charity Work

### Great North Air Ambulance

Thank you for all the donations in remembrance of Mrs Smith which came to £180.

### Wear it Pink

This was another successful fundraiser and we were able to send a donation of £200

### Foodbank

The foodbank was overwhelmed with your generosity of items when they came to collect on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### Poppy Appeal

The British Legion have only sent poppies for us to sell this year which we will sell from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, any donations gratefully received.

## Friends of St Joseph's

This group has started again and meet every Tuesday afternoon at 2.15 pm to share a coffee and ideas for fundraising and extra-curricular activities for the pupils. They are presently planning the Christmas Fair and supporting Year 6 with ideas with fundraising towards costs for their Carlton Residential in the Spring Term. Any parent is welcome to join them just contact the office to express an interest.

## Attendance

The most recent monitoring (up to 20<sup>th</sup> October) indicates our attendance is 94.1% which is lower than national. The Persistent Absence is 17.1% which is slightly lower than national but is still high. Well done Year 4 who had the best attendance at 95.2%-an extra £10 for your class piggy bank. If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be contacted by 9.30 am every day of absence.

### Sports Events

Lots of Stockton Schools Sports Partnership events are taking place this term. If your child is attending an event, you will receive a letter. HUFC, multisports, 'Urban Chaos' dance studio and National Elite Sports Coaching (NESC) are all running after school clubs this term.



### Achievement Assembly

We continue with our Achievement Assemblies every Friday and the certificates now incorporate our trust virtues. Please check Dojo and Seesaw each week for our achievers.

### Low Grange Avenue Gate Opening

Whilst waiting for the gates to open at the beginning and the end of the day please can parents, and pupils at the beginning of the day, queue alongside the fence and keep the path clear for pedestrians. Although we endeavour to open the gate at 8.40 am there are on occasion unexpected circumstances that occur which may impact on the time the gate is opened.

### Diary Dates

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week 'Reach Out'-Information on Website Odd Socks Day Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov-Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 5 Swimming Fortnight-Information to follow
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-Uniform Day-Pupils bring Tombola Prize for Christmas Fair
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	P.D.Day School closed for pupils
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Donations for the Toy Stall and Cake Stall
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair-Information to follow Donations for the Toy Stall and Cake Stall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Snappy Christmas Yrs 4 & 5-Thornaby Pavillion Information to Follow
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00-3.00 pm 'Preloved Uniform' on sale in school hall
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Year 6 Christmas Stalls Christmas Dinner 6.00 pm KS2 Carol Service-Parent's Welcome
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 Nursery Nativity-Parent's Welcome KS2 ARC Pantomime-Big the Musical Rec/KS1 Christmas Party and Urban Chaos
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am and 2.00 pm Rec and KS1 Nativity
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 End of Term Achievement Assembly-Parents Welcome Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 am Carol Singing at Hadrian Park Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party School Closes For Christmas-Reopens Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> January