



### Dates For Your Diary

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023-** Family mass at St. Mary's Church 12pm- children to volunteer

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023-** Christmas coffee afternoon (with stalls) 2pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023-** Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023-** Mass in school at 2.15pm. All welcome

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023-** Whole school visit to the pantomime (Snow White)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023-** Polar Express Night 3.15pm-5pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023-** Christmas dinner day. Children can wear Christmas jumpers

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023-** Carol service at St. Mary's Church 6pm- children to volunteer

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023-** Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity at 10am

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023-** Disco 3.15pm-5pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023-** Children party day. Children can wear party clothes

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023-** Children break up for Christmas holiday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024-** Children return to school



## November Highlights

### Parliament week:

To celebrate UK Parliament Week, the whole school took part in a debate. The question we debated was-should children be allowed to use the internet without an adult present? The vast majority agree that they should be able to. The school council added up all our votes.

### Remembrance Day:

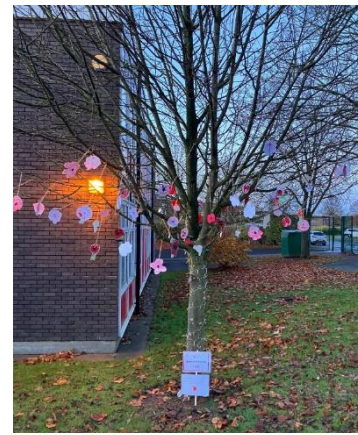
We created and coloured a poppy to place on our 'Remembrance Tree.' Our Mini Vinnies invited us to pray and reflect on the importance of Remembrance Sunday.

### Anti-Bullying Week:

Our school council introduced anti-bullying week. They told us the definition of bullying and who we can talk to. The theme for anti-bullying week was 'Make a noise about bullying.' The children completed activities linked to this across the week. We came to school in our odd socks to show we are all unique and have different gifts and talents.

### World Diabetes Day:

A huge thank you to Emilia who shared her experience about diabetes. She explained to the whole school what it entailed and took a range of questions from other children. Her answers were fabulous. Well done!



## Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during November

Anabelle	Malgorzata	Oliver H	Liam	Kajetan
Heidi	Isla	Melody	Harry M	Ava O
Elsa	Alfie	Charlotte		



## **Attendance**

Children are required to be at school by 9am as our core subject lessons (English and Maths) begin immediately after registration.

Appointments should be made out of school time where possible please.

Holidays should be taken outside of term time.

**The Department for Education deems that if a child's attendance drops below 90%, they become known as a Persistent Absentee. All absences are monitored thoroughly.**

To celebrate great attendance, children with 100% in a week receive 10 dojos on a Friday.

Below are the percentages of attendance for each class for November:

Matthew (Nursery/Reception) – 89.63%

Mark (Year 1/2) – 92.03%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 92.64%

John (Year 5/6) – 92.01%

The government's target for attendance for primary school pupils is at least 95%.

Our whole school attendance for November was 91%

Our whole school attendance since the beginning of September is 92%.

A child is classed as late if they arrive at school after 9.20am.

A child is classed as unauthorised absence if they arrive at school after 9.30am.

2.98% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in November.



## Uniform

School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

**If your child is not in correct school uniform, we will ask for correct uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.**

Our uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan



- White polo shirt



- Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore dress



- Sensible, plain black leather shoes/ trainers



**Jeans and leggings are not permitted. Skirts and trousers should be grey not black.**

## PE

On PE days, children are to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

**Mark (Year 1/2)- Monday**

**Luke (Year 3/4)- Thursday**

**John (Year 5/6)- Thursday**

Our PE uniform is:

- Plain white T-shirt with no branding or logos from professional sports teams
- Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with no branding or logos from professional

sports teams

- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan or hoodie
- Suitable black trainers

**If your child comes to school in PE kit on a day which is not their PE day, we will ask for uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.**

### **Eco Warriors Update**

We have a battery recycling box in the main school reception area. We would love it if you could bring batteries in, when they're finished with, and recycle them. Please look for the box with the following sticker on:



Tree dressing, in the first week of December, is based on many old customs from all over the world and at different times of the year. We are dressing the tree outside of the school reception for Advent with 'leaves of hope'. If you would like to add a leaf to our tree, please pop into the office to write your message of hope on a leaf and we'll add it to our tree.

Thank you!



### **Mini Vinnies Update**

Thank you for your leaves of remembrance for our prayer tree. In November, we remember so this month, we having being praying for our loved ones who are sadly no longer with us.



We would like to say a huge thank you for your kind donations to our sharing shelf, both uniform and food- please continue to give and take as needed from this. If you have any hats, coats, scarves and gloves, we would greatly appreciate these too.

Our next fundraising event is Save The Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please see poster below.

Thank you!





# Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December    £1 donation for Save the children



We are excited to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day at St Joseph's. We have created a swap box in the school reception if you have any old jumpers to donate or would like to take one.

Thank you, Mini Vinnies



# *Festive Afternoon Tea*



We would like to invite you to our  
*Christmas coffee afternoon*  
On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
At 2.00pm

There will also be a raffle, tombola, toy stall, Christmas stall and games.  
Change would be greatly appreciated.

*We hope to see you all there!*