

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter Friday 20th December 2023



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Merry Christmas!

Christmas is a special time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and we give thanks for the gifts of love, hope and peace which He gave to the world. On behalf of all of the staff at St. Joseph's, I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. Enjoy the break and remember we return to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

Message from Governors

On behalf of the Governors, we would like to wish all our staff, children and families a happy and holy Christmas. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year for another successful term.

Anita and Hilary, Co-Chairs of Governors.

Sunday 24th December 2023

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14



How Jesus our Saviour was born

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

Reminder - School closes at 1.30pm today

Today is a half day, please pick up your child promptly at 1.30pm.

Reminder - After School Club

After school club will be closing at 4.30pm this afternoon. Please pick up your child by 4.30pm.

Class Christmas Parties

On Monday, all of the children enjoyed their party day. It was lovely to see the children sharing their food and having a fantastic time. I thank the PTA for organising for Santa to visit St Joseph's. I am impressed that he and his two Elves were able to take time out their busy Christmas schedule to drop in and visit all the children and hand out goodies. Thank you for all your donations for the Christmas Jumper day in aid of 'Save the Children'.





Love Learn Believe





On Tuesday, we were treated to two wonderful Advent Services. The first was led by Year 2 in school and the children performed their service beautifully. Thank you to Mrs. Baran, Miss Frost and Mr. Buckfield and the rest of the Year 2 team who helped prepare

the children.



In the evening, it was the turn of Year 5 to lead the school Advent Service in the Church. As usual, the children's voices melted our hearts as they sang angelically and read superbly. Thank you to Mrs. Ingham, Mr. Wesolowski and Mr. Brooks for their musical expertise and to Mrs. Llewellyn, Miss Richardson, Mr. Sheehan, Mrs. Lisowski, Mrs. Mitchell and Ms. Males for preparing Year 5 so well. Thank you also to Father Cristiano who gave us a final blessing. We held a retiring collection in aid of CAFOD which raised £182.56. Thank you for your generosity. Please click on the link below to hear a record-

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Carol Singing

Yesterday evening, our Carol Singers again sang carols at Hanwell Station for 90 minutes and impressed commuters so much that in total we raised £418.72 for CAFOD. The figure is slightly down on last week's collection but there were a couple of cancelled trains which meant less passengers coming through the station. Well done to all the carol singers and the extras who were 'pressganged' to help make up the numbers. Thank you again to Mr. Wesolowski for organising the children and music.







Pantomime

Thank you for the donations towards the professional theatre show – Treasure Island. The pantomime was a huge success for the children in Years 1 to 6 who really got into the spirit of what a panto is all about... 'Oh no they didn't, oh yes they did!' Great festive fun!







Mental Health workshops

Please see the back of the newsletter for information on mental health workshops being run by the Ealing Mental Health Support Team in the Spring and Summer term.







Ealing Mental Health Support Team

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENT/CARERS

SPRING TERM 2024



Over the spring term, Ealing
Mental Health Support Team will
be running a variety of
workshops for parents and
carers of children who attend a
school in Ealing.

If you would like to sign up to one of our workshops, please do so on the below website or scan the QR code.



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If you have any questions, please do email us on: Ealing.mhst@nhs.net

PRE AND POST-ATTENDANCE GUIDE Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 You will be emailed a You'll receive another Use our QR code to sign up for a several days before the morning of the workshop(s) of your workshop choice Step 4 Step 5 time advertised. Please note we from the workshop you have cannot guarantee access to the workshop if sign up is on the day so eedback form provided at the end do sign up as early as possible of the session



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SUPPORTING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

TEEN LOW MOOD

AN INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM

This workshop is aimed at parents of children attending Primary and Secondary who would like to learn more about how to manage anxiety in young people, as well as helping to build their confidence.

This workshop is aimed at parents of secondary-aged children, who would like to know more about what may cause low mood and gain knowledge of strategies that can help to improve low mood.

This workshop is aimed at parents of children attending Primary and Secondary, who would like to know more about Autism and how to support children where Autism may be suspected or diagnosed.

Date: January 16th 2024 Time: 11am - 12:15pm

Date: January 25th 2024 Time: 1pm - 2:15pm Date: January 26th 2024 Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

SUPPORTING FRIENDSHIP IN CHILDREN

UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

MANAGING EXAM STRESS

This workshop is aimed at parents of **primary**-aged children to provide information to help you support your young person with building and managing friendships, including supporting with social anxiety.

This workshop is aimed at parents of children attending **Primary** and **Secondary**. The workshop introduces how and why behaviours may occur in children with a range of additional needs, and how to support positive behaviours in children.

This workshop supports parents of secondary-aged children to identify and manage exam stress in adolescents, and will provide strategies to promote wellbeing in students before, during and after exams.

Date: February 12th 2024 Time: 11am - 12:30pm Date: February 13th 2024 Time: 11:30am - 1pm Date: February 22nd 2024 Time: 1pm - 2:15pm

UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH IN ADOLESCENT BOYS

AN INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM IN ADOLESCENTS

SUPPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN

This workshop supports parents of secondary-aged children. It aims to introduce parents to the causes of declining mental health in adolescent boys and equips parents with strategies to promote positive mental health.

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of primary-aged children. It introduces parents to common behavioural difficulties, factors that influence behaviour and strategies to manage your child's behaviour. It'll also consider the impact of screen time and how to promote boundaries with this

Date: March 14th 2024 Time: 11am - 12:30pm Date: March 19th 2024 Time: 10:30am - 12pm Date: March 28th 2024 Time: 11am-12:30pm



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Disclaimer St Joseph's School is happy to use the newsletter to support activities and events. However, we have not vetted these services and are not specifically recommending them.

