



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 2021



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### Advent

The season of Advent began last Sunday and all the prayer cloths have turned purple. Around the school, there are also lots of other visible signs.

#### The Lower Phase



**Sunday 5th December 2021**

### Second Sunday of Advent

*Gospel: Luke 3 : 1 - 6*

"The voice of one crying out in the desert:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

#### The Middle Phase



#### The Upper Phase



#### The Upper Phase



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### Nativities, Liturgies, Advent Services, Performances and Assemblies

Please look out for the recordings of the children on the class pages on the website from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



### Christmas Jumper Day

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, it will be the children's Christmas Jumper day. This coincides with their class Christmas parties also. Please look out for slips of paper in book bags about what items to bring to school that day. A traditional monetary donation to Save the Children is also requested that day.



### Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



Christmas cards can be a lovely way to tell our friends and our family that we are thinking about them at this special time of year. Each year many children write out 30 cards to their classmates and teacher. That is 30 x 30 cards and envelopes. **900** in total per class! If everyone in our school from Year 1 - 6 did this then this will mean that **16,200** cards and envelopes will be written. Where do these cards end up after Christmas?

Last year at St. Joseph's we decided to make a change. The pupils were delighted to read out their cards to the class and see the class cards on display – all in the knowledge that they were making a difference to the planet.

Let's give Planet Earth a happier Christmas by reducing our paper waste.

**Challenge:** For our December Laudato Si challenge we are asking that children create/ write **one** 'whole class' Christmas card.

- Write all of your classmates name on it.
- Write a special Christmas message inside.

We can then put the 30 cards on display in the classroom for you to look at throughout Advent.

Let's make a difference – together!

### Healthy Lunches

I have been made aware that many children are beginning to bring in leftover dinner to have as their packed lunch. This is fine as long as the children have a balanced meal that includes some fruit and vegetables also please, not just chicken nuggets or just chips.



### Reminder - PTA Perivale 5 Mile Run

This Sunday, the PTA team are running the Perivale 5 Mile Run. Hopefully, there will be lots of you supporting this event. If you can't be there, maybe make a donation if you have not done so already.

Thank you to all those families who have already donated on the link below.

Please give generously to their Go Fund Me page: <https://gofund.me/84478489>



## Celebrations

Headteacher awards are presented each week to children who the staff think have put that little bit of extra into their work. Well done to the children listed below:

Class	Name	Reason
1K	Antoni	For always doing his best and staying focused.
1AS	Isabella	For amazing enthusiasm in the Christmas Nativity!
1SS	Natan	For making fantastic progress with his reading.
2JB	Melania	For a brilliant diary entry about the Great Fire of London in which she responded to a previous target.
2EB	Kayden	For lovely work on nouns and adjectives.
2SL	Kaiden	For putting extra effort into his work during class time. Well done!
3AR	Thomas	For wonderful responses in our Geography lesson on climate change.
3DS	Tymon	For valuable contributions to our discussion about the Jesse Tree.
3SR	Vanessa	For her enthusiasm to participate in PE welcome back lessons!
4AS	Thalia	For always making a fantastic effort in lessons.
4MS	Millie	For working very hard on her persuasive letter!
4W	Sophie	For producing thoughtful, neat work in all lessons.
5B	Oskar	For his fantastic contributions to our Maths lessons about regular and irregular polygons.
5L	Diego	For working so hard in applying all his mathematical knowledge in to everyday events.
5W	Holly	For a fantastic effort with blanket stitch in D&T.
6B	Weronika	For writing a brilliant newspaper article in our English lessons.
6I	Hanna	For a fantastic discursive essay on whether or not Victorian Workhouses upheld Catholic Social Teaching.
6J	Niamh	For a fantastic introduction to her narrative set in the Victorian era.

## Celebrations

Good Disciple awards are given to children who have shown exceptional love and kindness to fellow pupils and are helping to build God's kingdom here and now. Well done to the children listed below:

Phase	Name	Reason
Lower	Angeline 1SS	For being a kind and caring friend to everyone.
Middle	Zuzanna 3SR	For being a model St. Joseph's pupil.
Upper	Dacya 4AS	For being a supportive friend and building up her classmates' confidence.



## Metropolitan Police Christmas Tree Appeal Poster Competition

A little while back, the children entered the Met Police Christmas Tree Appeal poster competition. I am thrilled to announce that Andi-Rae was selected as the winner for the West Area (London Boroughs of Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow). Well done Andi-Rae!



## Children's Wellbeing Committee

This week, our newly-formed children's Wellbeing Committee met for the first time with Mrs. Day and Eileen Mullin (former Chair of Governors). The children had so many creative, heart-warming ideas about how we can improve on children's wellbeing at St. Joseph's. In the New Year, the committee will be putting their first ideas into action. We look forward to exciting and happy times ahead in 2022!



## PTA News



Thank you for efforts and your generous gifts!

We are still collecting gifts and we ask that you only give what you can afford. Gifts should be new and we ask no alcohol or sharp objects be donated. Each gift will add to the shopping experience during the Christmas Faye on 10th December.

Don't forget your carrier bags with £3.00, wrapping paper, gift tags and completed form need to be handed to your class representative or class teacher prior to the Christmas Faye. Spare forms can be picked up from the school office.

Our Perivale 5 runners have been hitting the local streets in preparation for the run on 5th December. If you haven't donated yet please do via the Go Fund Me page:

<https://gofund.me/84478489>. All money raised will benefit and enrich the education of our children.

## Contacting the school office

If you have a general office related enquiry please use [ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk). Please do not use the Admin domain for correspondence as it will not be picked up.



**SPOTLIGHT UK** Spotlight UK registered charity 1129258

Spotlight UK provide 1-2-1 youth mentoring supporting children who have mental health issues, children who have experienced domestic abuse, young carers, children in care, and children who have been affected by loss and separation.

We also provide low cost activities including dance, sports, and trampolining, clothes bank, toys bank, food bank and family support offering emotional and practical support and advice.

Along with the above we also arrange trips out and treats for children and their families. Our view is that we cannot take away the past but we can create new memories.

Contact us [admin@spotlightuk.org](mailto:admin@spotlightuk.org) 01256 242330  
[www.spotlightuk.org](http://www.spotlightuk.org)



**SPOTLIGHT UK** THE MISSION... to make a real difference in people's lives!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....**

**Can you help with....**

- Organising & helping at fundraising Events
- Youth Mentoring/befriending
- Supervising Youth Activities in evenings including bowling & trampolining
- Promoting Spotlight's activities in the community
- Making new memories & finding special experiences for vulnerable children
- Chaperone at Dance showcases
- Coordinating Youth Activities

Email [michaela@spotlightuk.org](mailto:michaela@spotlightuk.org) or call 07804880072 to find out more....



**FREE ONLINE PARENTING WORKSHOP**

**INTRODUCTION TO INTERNET SAFETY**  
 for parents of children aged 13 & under

THIS WORKSHOP WILL COVER:

- POSITIVE & NEGATIVE WAYS CHILDREN USE THE INTERNET TODAY
- WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE PROACTIVE IN KEEPING THEM SAFE ONLINE
- HOW TO CREATE OPEN DIALOGUE ABOUT INTERNET USE
- STRATEGIES & RESOURCE TO ADDRESS INTERNET SAFETY ISSUES AT HOME

delivered by **Hannah Brada**  
 senior social worker  
 SAFE Plus

**TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021 10AM-12PM**  
 via MS Teams

To register interest, please email [parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk)



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**FREE ONLINE PARENTING WORKSHOP**

**DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE IMPACT ON CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

**THURSDAY, 13TH JANUARY**  
 10AM-12PM  
 VIA MS TEAMS

Delivered by **Patricia Chapman**  
 Family Safety Worker - Domestic Abuse  
 SAFE Plus Team

- Increased knowledge on how to recognise domestic abuse
- Develop an understanding of how to recognise the impact/effects of domestic abuse on children & young people
- Learn how domestic abuse can impact on parenting
- Gain knowledge and awareness of local support services
- Space to have your questions answered at the end of the workshop

to register for this workshop, please email [parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk)



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