



St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move through the season of Advent, we remember the four candles on the Advent wreath. Please take a moment to talk about the first candle, when we focus on our Catholic Virtues of hope and faith. Sunday's Gospel reminds us, 'Be like Noah and his family, who were ready.' As a whole school community we want our children to be faith-filled and hopeful at this time of waiting and preparation.

The Birth of Jesus - Please take some time to read the Nativity story with your child. Start with Mary's good news and read the journey and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.



Also, please **find time to pray**. For traditional prayers, maybe focus on one prayer at a time. Start with the sign of the cross, then the Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory Be.

Prayers from the heart. At bedtime and first thing in the morning try to find some space to talk to Jesus with your child. In Advent, maybe think about a prayer of thanks, of love, of joy of peace.

Missio Group - Year 2 pupils.

Most pupils have chosen to be part of 2 groups: Missio Prayer and Missio World. Missio Prayer are helping to lead different types of prayer within the school. Missio World are working at supporting our Catholic Life and Mission in the wider world. This term **Missio World Update: Our charities for this term are Shelter Cymru, CAFOD and Mission in Peru. Please sign up to our Strava Challenge to walk 5929 miles to Peru.**

Collective Worship Community Celebrations

It was fantastic to be able to return to celebrating Collective Worship in the Autumn Term with our community. All parents and friends were invited to share these acts of worship in which children joyfully led the **Gathering**, the **Listening**, the **Reflecting** and the **Going Forth**. Well done each and every pupil. Please see our school TWITTER account for photo feed.

Prayers and Hymns with Bampis and Grandmas

Well done to Year 2 who led a very informal Collective Worship celebration with invited Grandparents and Friends of St Joseph's. This was the first of a new venture for our school and it was uplifting to have Grandparents and great grandparent join us on the day. Please look out for the invitation for our next gathering. Mrs Turner's children will lead this celebration.

Christmas Nativity (Main School Reception to Year 2)

- Thanks to the support of Monsignor Joseph our whole school, Nativity will once again return to the St Joseph's Church. To avoid clashes with St Joseph's Juniors there will be **TWO** performances.
- Dress rehearsal will be on 12th December in the morning followed by the first performance in the afternoon at 1:30pm.

Christmas Nativity (Main School Reception to Year 2)

- The second performance will on Tuesday 13th at 1:30 pm.

Nursery Nativity

- Thursday 15th at 9:30 in School Dining Hall

Christmas Raffle We are holding a big Christmas raffle this year in the hope of raising money for school funds. Please send in RED, GREEN, GOLD and SILVER prizes, which will be made-up into hampers. If you know of a local business who could donate a prize, then please let us know. We need volunteers to help with sale of tickets in the yard at end of day please let school know. Tickets are £2.00 per strip. The Christmas raffle will take place on Friday 16th December.



Christmas Meal and Jumper Day on Thursday 8th December Children are invited to wear Christmas Jumpers and hats and bring £1. Missio World Group have decided money raised will go to our local charity Shelter Cymru.



Father Christmas and Christmas Film



Father Christmas will be visiting school on Monday 19th December and on Wednesday 21st December; children are invited to wear **warm** pyjamas for our film day with treats.

Heart shaped Christmas Greeting Message from School Council



Living out our Catholic Mission –School Council have asked could we help save our planet by sending in one Christmas heart wish, which Missio will hang on our Christmas tree for the whole school to see. Celebrating diversity, you are welcome to write wishes in your home language, Welsh or English. The more languages our pupil see, the richer the experience.

Working with our community- Pre School sessions Come along and bring your friend- all welcome.

	Activity	Time
Monday	Baby Sensory Music	1:15 – 2:30
Friday	Pre School Language and Play	1:15 - 2:30

It is looking like a very exciting end of term!

Ms Beaumont

