



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### Attendance - week ending 24.11.23

NUR-J	91.5%
NUR-K-R	90.9%
RK	84.6%
RP	93.3%
Y1S	95.7%
Y1T	89.5%
Y2D	89.7%
Y2K	92.3%
Y3GM	91.3%
Y3T	98.7%
Y4J	99%
Y4S	94.3%
Y5A	92.6%
Y5F	93.5%
Y6B	87.7%
Y6S	92.9%

Winning Class this week is Year 4J with an amazing 99%. Fantastic – keep it up!

#### Key dates

05.12.23	Welcome to nursery for new starters in January	13:30
07.12.23	PTFA Christmas Fayre	15:45 – 18:00
21.12.23	Christmas Dinner Day Non-school uniform	
22.12.23	End of Term	15:30

#### A reminder of events over Advent

12.12.23	Nursery – Mrs Kinsey-Rees Nativity – Parish Hall	09:30
13.12.23	Nursery – Mrs Jones Nativity – Parish Hall	09:30
14.12.23	Reception – Mrs Powell Nativity – Parish Hall	10:00
14.12.23	Reception – Mrs Keegan Nativity – Parish Hall	14:00
15.12.23	Year 1 – Nativity – Parish Hall	10:00
15.12.23	Year 2 – Nativity – Parish Hall	14:00
20.12.23	Y3-6 Nativity – Cathedral	14:00

Due to numbers allowed in the Parish Hall we will only be able to admit families of children in the class to the Christmas performance.

### Autumn Term

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

#### Start of the season of Advent

It's hard to believe I am writing 1<sup>st</sup> December on the newsletter this week! How quickly has that come round.

Thank you to Canon Benedict who came into school this week to bless our Advent wreaths. We will also have an Advent penitential service for children in Y3-6 next week as we start on our Advent journey.

#### Children in Need

Thank you for your fundraising support with Children in Need. An amazing £300.53 was raised.

#### Travelling Advent Bag

We will be sending our travelling Advent Bags home with children this week. This gives children the opportunity to talk about the Christmas story with you at home. Please support your child to write a prayer or draw a picture in the class book. Thank you.

#### Christmas fayre – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 3:45pm

The next big PTFA event for this year will be the Christmas Fayre. This will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December after school. Thank you for your generosity with gifts for the Christmas Fayre. We would love to see you there. There will be an opportunity to see Santa and his Elf helper and there will be stalls and games for children. There will be a variety of stalls from Christmas flowers to jewellery, a tombola and a raffle.

Refreshments will be served – come and join us.

#### Christmas Dinner Day – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

All additional school lunches have now been ordered for Christmas dinner day. Children can wear non-school uniform on this day – Christmas jumpers or dresses or a party outfit, or even just a Christmas hat!

#### After school clubs

All after school clubs have now finished for this term. There will be a film club on 20<sup>th</sup> December which will be a Christmas special. There are a few spare places. Please email Mrs Heald if your child would like to attend.

Many thanks to all the staff who give freely of their time for these opportunities for the children. Clubs will restart later in the spring term.

#### Visiting classes

I have had an opportunity this week to visit all classes and chat with children about their learning, particularly in writing. They are making lovely progress and it is good to see how their reading, spelling and writing skills are developing. We are also focusing on developing oracy skills – talking and having a wide vocabulary is so important to further develop our writing skills. Well done girls and boys.

#### Understanding and supporting Worries – meeting for parents with Mark Parry from CAMHs – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 13:00 – 15:00 in Learning Pod

Does your child have worries? Would you like to know how to support them with their concerns? Come to a meeting with Mark Parry from child and adolescent mental health services who can give you a range of ways to support your child. All welcome.

Many thanks for your support

Angela Heald  
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