



Newsletter 13 2019/20

Homework

Children seem to have enjoyed our homework menus and I have given out lots of certificates this week to children who have tried hard with the different tasks set for them.



Dear Parents,

Another very busy week in school.

In this Sunday's gospel we hear of when John the Baptist heard what Christ was doing and sent his followers to ask him 'are you the one sent by God' Jesus answered the blind will see again and the lame will walk. Happy are those who do not lose faith in me.



Snappy Christmas

Year 4 enjoyed the day at snappy Christmas on Wednesday. They sang, sang and then sang some more! The children were fabulous and their wonderful behaviour and attitude was even commented on by one of the organisers. Well done Year 4, a credit to St Joseph's!



Christmas Family Challenge

This year, we would like you to make an angel! Use whatever you like, make it as big or small as you like. All entries welcome! A small prize for all entries and a prize for the top 3 as judged by our Chair of Governors, Miss Sarah Smith. Entries need to be in school by Wednesday 18th.





NPCAT Carol Service

Y3 class attended the Nicholas Postgate Academy Trust carol service at St Mary's Cathedral. Some of the children decorated the crib and Sofia did a lovely reading. They then sang some wonderful carols and thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Whoops a Daisy Angel

We had a fantastic turn out for our EYFS Christmas performance. What a great show they put on for us - lots of sheep, shepherds, snowflakes, angels as well as Mary and Joseph and Whoops a Daisy Angel! They sang beautifully and even some FS1 children narrated parts of the story. A fantastic morning all round. A huge thanks to Miss Wright, Miss Pollock and their teams and thanks to parents for your support.

A Midwife Crisis

What a treat we enjoyed when KS1 performed for us yesterday. The children were fabulous and the singing lovely. Well done to them all. A huge thanks to Miss Ayton and Miss Horton for their production skills and to Miss Anderson and Mrs Lightfoot for their support on the day.

Disco

The children had a great night at the Disco last night, it was lovely to see them in their Disco gear! Santa really enjoyed meeting them all and he has made a note of all of their requests! I must thank those staff who kindly gave their time, without them these events could not take place.



Attendance This Week

FS1	97.1%	Y3	96.0%
FS2	99.3%	Y4	97.0%
Y1	93.7%	Y5	97.1%
Y2	93.3%	Y6	94.5%

House of the Week

1st St Joseph 118
2nd Our Lady 103
3rd St Anthony 98
4th St Cuthbert 81

Stars of the Week

Little Joeys
FS1 Connie & Genevieve
FS2 George & Abigail
Y1 Oliver & Oscar
Y2 Fiann & Mason
Y3 Jack & Konrad
Y4 Maisie & Pollyanna
Y5 George & Isaac
Y6 Echo & Scarlett





Next Week

Basketball Match Night

Y5 children will take part in a Basketball match at Freebrough on Monday after school. Those involved have further information.

Confessions

Father Simon will be in school on Tuesday 17th to hear Confessions from children in Y4, Y5 and Y6. This is part of their preparation for Christmas.

Last after school club

The last club for the term will take place on Thursday 19th.

Christmas Parties

Children will have their Christmas parties next Thursday. Teachers will have given children further information. Children are welcome to wear their party clothes, please make sure these are suitable for playing outside in too.

Parent and Toddler Christmas Party

Next Tuesday ,17th December, we will be having a Christmas party with craft activities making magic reindeer dust. Father Christmas will be visiting. Everyone welcome to join in the festive fun. Start time 1.45pm.

Christmas Lunch

The children, staff and governors will enjoy Christmas lunch on Tuesday 17th. Children who normally have a packed lunch have hopefully ordered their Christmas lunch that day.



Carols in Church

Please join us for our Carol Service on Friday 20th at St Joseph's Church. The service starts at 1.30pm and all are welcome. All classes will be at Church and can go home with parents afterwards. Remaining children should be collected from school at 2.30pm as school closes early on Friday.

Vouchers

Please continue to collect Sun vouchers and send in to Miss Ayton. We need 3500 altogether!

Panto

Those taking part in the trip to Billingham Forum to see Snow White on Friday evening should meet at school at 4.15pm I'm sure you will have a lovely evening.



Next Week

Secrets Room

Children can buy small gifts for Mums, Dads, Grandparents or other relatives from Monday next week. Gifts cost £2.50 each, if you haven't already done so but would like to, send your orders and monies into school on Monday. A huge thank you to those who helped set the room up for us.

Leading Lights

Our Leading Lights are collecting any tins or non-perishable food items you send in. These will be sent to a local food bank next week. All donations kindly invited. Final day for donations is Thursday 19th please.

Term Reports

Children should have their end of term reports today. If you have any questions, please see myself or your child's class teacher.



Christmas Around the World

Classes have been learning about Christmas traditions in different parts of the world. Come along at 2pm on Wednesday afternoon next week (18th Dec) to hear some interesting facts and hear some Christmas songs from different countries. Y4 will also sing a few songs that they performed this week at Eston. Should be a lovely afternoon!

KS1

KS1 have had a really busy week this week. They performed their Nativity again today for the residents of the Four Seasons care home in Saltburn. The residents loved the performance and even gave the children Christmas cards.

Travelling Crib

Children in FS and KS1 have had the opportunity to take a Travelling Crib home during Advent. FS2 and Y1 children have written some lovely responses which we have displayed in the school hall.

Have a lovely
Weekend from
Mrs Toward
Head Teacher