



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Let me begin by thanking you all for your kind messages, cards and gifts on behalf of all the staff at St Joseph's. I hope that you had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break and wish all our families the very best for the new year. Can you believe that it is 2023!!

New Year-New Light Shining

Our school shared Mission Statement is Christ Be Our Light, in life, in love and in learning. Earlier in the year I shared with them the acronym for light so that we truly are guiding lights in all that we do. The acronym goes like this:

L is for Love
I is for Inspire
G is for Greatness
H is for Happy &
T is for Teaching.

This is something we will be referring to in this New Year as we strive to make St Joseph's school the most wonderful that it can be. We will also be looking to seek the children's views on what really makes St Joseph's school the school it is and how we can make it even better.

L is for Love- Packed Lunches:

As A Healthy School, we aim to promote healthy eating. Please don't send sweets or too many treats in the packed lunch box. **We still have children attending the school with nut allergies so don't send anything that has nuts in please.**

G is for Greatness- Lost Property

At the end of the last term we have managed to generate an awful lot of lost property school uniform items. We are unable to send it home with its rightful owners as none of the items have any names written on the labels. Let us make it a New Year's Resolution to label all school uniform in case it does go missing.

T is for Teaching- Attendance and Absence

Unfortunately, a key feature of this time of year are the illnesses which go hand in hand with it. You will most likely be aware of the nature of some of the illnesses which are going around at the moment, such as Strep A and Scarlet Fever. Please can we remind our families that we are encouraging all in our community to follow the most recent Government advice for people stay at home if they are ill. It is

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imperative that if your child has a high temperature (38C or more) or is not well enough to be in school, that they must stay at home. This will help your child to make a good recovery and it will prevent the spread of any seriousness illnesses across the school.

Can I take this opportunity to remind all our families that they should contact the school every day that a child is not well enough to attend. Ideally this call should be made before 9am so that we can account for all our children.

Finally, if you are planning on taking your child on holiday during term time you must complete a form giving at least 20 school days' notice. These are available from the front office. Unfortunately, I am not permitted to authorise any family holidays as that does not meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances.

I is for Inspire- After School Clubs

After school clubs will restart again from Monday. Once again the cost for these clubs is £10 per half-term. This terms clubs are as follows:

- Monday- Football with MFC in the Community
- Tuesday Drama Club
- Wednesday Badminton Club (KS2 only)
- Thursday Story Crafts & Games with Hope East Cleveland (limited to ten places)

H is for Happy- Toddler Group

The toddler group will be up and running again from Tuesday 17th January.

G is for Greatness- School Calendar Dates

Calendar Dates

Our calendar for the year is live on our website.

H is for Happy – PE timetable

Once again children are permitted to arrive at school in their PE uniform on their designated PE days.

- Monday Year 2 & Year 4
- Tuesday Year 4 & Year 5
- Wednesday Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 6 Swimming
- Thursday Year 3 & Year 5
- Friday Year 1 & Year 6

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I is for Inspire- Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked really well on having a positive mindset as we return to school after Christmas.

- LJ- Florence
- FS1- Finley & Beatrice
- FS2- Rosie & Isaac
- Y1- Charlie & Ellis
- Y2- Melany & Isaac
- Y3- James V & Jack
- Y4- Matthew & Orlaith
- Y5- Jolie & Mason
- Y6- Freya & Joseph

Final Thoughts & Prayers

Today is the feast of the Epiphany so our prayer is:

The story is out! Jesus Christ, Light of the World has been born to dispel the darkness that covers its people. God's glory appears in human form. Life on earth will never be the same again!

Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen

Have a blessed weekend when it comes.

Mr Geaves

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