



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 27th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today marks the last day of this half-term. It really has passed by in a flash. Can I start by thanking all the parents and carers who attended our recent Parent's Evenings at the beginning of this week. In the next half-term, I am going to send a survey out to all parents to ask for some feedback regarding some aspects of St Joseph's school life. Have a wonderful half-term with family and friends and see you all in November.

Please take the time to read through the reminders below.

- PTFA Meeting
- Christmas Decorations & raffle
- Hinderwell Village Hall fundraiser
- Poppy Appeal Reminder
- Loftus Church Choir Open Evening
- First Holy Communion Meeting
- Children in Distress Shoe Box Appeal
- Dates/Stars of the Week

PTFA Meeting: Wednesday 25th October 2.30pm

Thank you very much to those people who attended the PTFA meeting on Wednesday 25th October. We had a very productive meeting outlining the upcoming Autumn events. If you would like to be involved but couldn't make the meeting, please drop an email to ptfa@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk.

- Hot Chocolate Fridays- Hot chocolate Friday returns for 5 weeks on 10th November. This will be £1 for all 5 weeks in one go. Please make all payments via ParentPay.
- Christmas Bingo Save the date! **Thursday 30th November**, doors open 5pm, eyes down 5.30pm. Look out for our meal deal offer - burger/hot dog and a drink!

Christmas Tree Decorations and Giant knitted Character raffle 4th- 8th December

One of our Year 3 children will be running a Christmas stall at break times to raise money for Ovarian Cancer. She will be selling knitted Christmas tree decorations, sweet cones, cookies and cakes. There will also be a raffle to win a giant knitted character.



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Hinderwell Village Hall Fundraiser Saturday 4th November

On Saturday 4th November there will be a charity coffee morning from 10am -2 pm in Hinderwell Village Hall. All money raised will be going to June Mead's Cancer charity collection- why not pop along?

Poppy Appeal Reminder:

Our Mini-Vinnies will be selling poppies from next week to support this annual appeal. As well as poppies there are also some extra items such as snap bands, wrist bands and reflectors. The suggested prices for these donations range from 50p for reflectors, £1 for the wristbands and £1.50 for snap bands.

Vacancies in Loftus Parish Church Choir- Open Evening tonight

Please see a separate letter for our Key Stage 2 children who might want to join this choir. The Parish Church is hosting an open evening on Friday 27th October at 6pm. Why not pop along if this is something that interests you.

First Holy Communion Meeting:

Our first meeting will take place on Monday 6th November. If you wish for your child to take part in the First Holy Communion programme, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Children in Distress Christmas Shoebox Appeal Collection Date reminder:

The Christmas shoebox appeal is something which we have supported for many years here at St Joseph's School. Children in Distress have been running their annual shoebox appeal for over thirty years. Their hope is to provide essential care and festive joy to children and families in Romania. Last year alone, many families in the Bucharest area were able to celebrate Christmas due to this loving appeal. Over 200 children in St Christopher's Hospital in Romania were provided with shoebox gifts.

Your child has already brought home a Christmas Shoebox appeal leaflet. This outlines all that is required to make a shoebox gift. We ask that all shoeboxes are returned to school by Friday 10th November. That way, we are able to hold a celebration of all of the wonderful kind acts of service that our children have done before they are packed on a vehicle and taken to Romania at the end of that week.

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Headlice

We have had a couple of incidents of headlice in school again this week. Please can I ask all families to support us with this matter. If you are notified that there is a case of headlice within your child's class please treat them immediately over the half-term break.

Dates for your calendar:

Next week we will issue the parents calendar by email and post on the school website. It will include dates for the Christmas productions and even Sports Days. A couple to pop in the diary straight away are:

- Monday 6th November Return to school
- Monday 6th November First Holy Communion Meeting
- Friday 10th November Deadline for Shoebox collection
- Monday 13th November Anti Bullying Themed Week
- Wednesday 15th November Governing Body Meeting
- Monday 20th November Road Safety Week

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked with their writing:

- LJ- Hydie & Roman G
- FS1-Wynter S & Florence D
- FS2- Sebastian M-T
- Y1- Macy F & Rosie D
- Y2- Ellis D & Maisie B
- Y3- Harper G & Isaac S
- Y4- Vinnie R-W & Roy P
- Y5- Jacob S & Emelie D
- Y6- Maisie B & Mason D

Well done to the children for all their hard work.

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Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Our prayer today like last week is a prayer for peace in the Middle East.

God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction
help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying
bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them
Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

Linda Jones / CAFOD

Yours sincerely,
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