



ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week we have had this week. Sunday is the feast of Christ the King and marks the end of the Church's liturgical year. Say it quietly but next comes Advent and Christmas.

### **Advent Stay & Pray Sessions 2023- Next Week**

As the time comes ever closer to get ready for Christmas we will mark the first week of advent with some prayer sessions at the end of each day. They will begin at 2.45pm and we invite any visitors to attend these sessions led by our staff and children. The dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm Year 5 & 6
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm Year 1 & 2
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm EYFS
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2.45pm Year 3 & 4

**Thursday will be a no school uniform day where we ask families to donate either chocolate or a bottle for the Christmas Bingo tombola.**

### **No Pens Day Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Teachers estimate that, in the UK today, 1.9 million children struggle with talking and understanding words. Without the right support, they face huge hurdles in learning, making friends and staying in good mental health. Wednesday is a chance for your child to improve their speech, language and communication skills through a day of talking and listening activities – starting with the biggest ever show and tell!

Help your child take part by...

• Helping them choose something that they would like to bring in or talk about for show and tell. This could be:

- An object from home that they love
- An item of clothing
- A photograph of a person who they want to talk about
- A photograph of a special memory
- Something imaginary!

They don't have to bring anything in – they could just think of something they want to talk about. Please see the leaflet attached and we are not asking for contributions towards this charity on Wednesday.

*Christ be our light, in life, love and learning*

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### **PTFA Reminders:**

If you would like to be involved but couldn't make the meeting, please drop an email to [ptfa@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk](mailto:ptfa@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk).

- Christmas Bingo: **Thursday 30th November**, doors open 5pm, eyes down 5.30pm.

### **Easy Fundraiser App- Worth a look on this Black Friday weekend.**

I have signed up for this and hope that it will raise money for our children whilst doing my online Christmas shopping. Once you have signed up companies give a percentage of some sales to our PTFA. Download the easy fundraiser APP and help raise funds for St Joseph's PTFA whilst you shop online. Businesses will donate money to the fund. There are numerous businesses available including Just Eat, Amazon, Supermarket grocery deliveries to name but a few!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-josephs-ptfa-1>

### **Christmas at St Joseph's 2023**

#### **Mary & Joseph Los Posadas Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

I hope that you have seen some of the photos from this lovely event. The children represented St Joseph's impeccably at my other school St Paulinus in Guisborough. Mary and Joseph are now spending the weekend in Redcar!!

#### **Christmas Lunch 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023- Reminder to book in advance.**

Once again the kitchen will be a hive of activity for this annual treat. If there are any children who would like a Christmas Lunch instead of their usual packed lunch please can you let us know by the **5<sup>th</sup> of December**.

### **Other Christmas Dates 2023**

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November PTFA Christmas Bingo
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December NPCAT Advent Carol Service
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December EYFS nativity 10.00am
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Panto Trip
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Y1&2 Christmas Production
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Disco 5pm
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch and Rudolph Run
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Parties

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### **Stars of the Week:**

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

- LJ- Felicity P
- FS1- Elijah T & Ella G
- FS2- Charlie S
- Y1- Grace H & Savannah B
- Y2- Archie H & Pippa G
- Y3- Tabitha G & Lewis B
- Y4- William M & Charlotte G
- Y5- Dexter A & Emelie D
- Y6- Logan H & Harriet P

### **Final Thoughts/Prayers:**

A prayer for the feast 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

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