



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who supported the school PTFA last night at the Christmas Bingo event. It was a brilliant evening with lots of fun and laughter and we raised just over £1000. Thank you to Miss Ayton and everyone who stayed back to support this event. Thank you to all of you for bringing in items for the tombola as a swap for no school uniform we really appreciate your support with this matter.

On Wednesday we celebrated a no pens day in school and the school was alive with the sound of chatter. Once again, we were blown away with the amount of effort that children and families had gone to- thank you ever so much.

Winter Weather & Parking

We have experienced the first snowfall of the winter over the past few days. We will always attempt to keep the school open but there might be times when this is not possible due to health and safety concerns. If this is the case, we will message you on Marvellous Me and put a post on the school Facebook page. I will make this decision in consultation with staff who live closer to the school and with the other schools in Loftus.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you to park considerately when dropping the children off. We need to make sure that the minibuses have plenty of spaces to reverse back into the school carpark as they do their collection and drop offs.

Easy Fundraiser App

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>

Lost Property Table:

We have a lot of lost property starting to accumulate. Please can we ask that you have a look at the table which is placed in the front entrance. Thank you.

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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Christmas at St Joseph's 2023

Christmas Lunch 19th December 2023- FINAL REMINDER TO BOOK BY 5th DECEMBER

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 **5th of December**.

Christmas Disco - Monday 18th December 5-7pm

Tickets will go on sale from Monday 4th December until 3pm Friday 15th December. These will be available from Miss Ayton. Tickets will be priced at £3 which includes a visit to Santa and a gift. Please send cash as this will not be available on ParentPay. Please note that tickets will not be sold on Monday 18th December.

FS Christmas Nativity Hamper Raffle

During the FS Christmas Nativity on Friday 8th December, we will be raffling off a Christmas Hamper. Tickets will be £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the performance.

Christmas Bingo

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the evening and all those who volunteered to enable the event to go ahead. We raised over £1000!

Other Christmas Dates 2023

- Wednesday 6th December NPCAT Advent Carol Service (10 children from school will attend)
- Friday 8th December Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 8th December EYFS nativity 10.00am
- Tuesday 12th December Snappy Christmas Y5 children
- Wednesday 13th December Christmas Panto Trip
- Friday 15th December Y1&2 Christmas Production
- Monday 18th December Christmas Disco 5pm
- Tuesday 19th December Christmas Lunch and Rudolph Run
- Wednesday 20th December Christmas Parties

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Stars of the Week:

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

- LJ- Aarran
- FS1- Finley H & Beatrice M
- FS2- Jay W
- Y1- Amelia R & Mabel H
- Y2- Athena L & Harry T
- Y3- Matilda J & Kaidan H
- Y4- Oskar W & Jacob M
- Y5- Lucy D & Toby B
- Y6- Fiann R & Ellie S

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

As we start our Advent journey together, I thought that I would share this Advent prayer:

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

Warmest wishes,

Mr Geaves (the terrible bingo shouter!!)

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