



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware we have started this half-term with a flurry of activity as we were notified of our school inspection by Ofsted on Monday morning. Can I take this opportunity to say thank you to all the parents who contributed to the questionnaire as the inspector said we had a lot of responses considering the size of the school.

I am not able to share what the outcome of the inspection is until I have the final report which we will hopefully have before Christmas. What I can say is that the inspector had a valuable 2 days in the school speaking with your lovely children, watching lessons and looking at everything that makes the school so special. As soon as we can we will share the report with you..... watch this space. I would like to thank every member of the staff team who helped contribute to such a positive experience so early in the term.

Next Week Headlines:



Children in Need Maths Challenges all week.

Monday 11th November: 2 minutes silence for Remembrance Day Children can wear Scout/brownie/cubs/cadets etc uniforms that day.

Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks day

Wednesday 13th November- World Kindness Day

Thursday 14th November- Y5/6 Virgin Money

Friday 15th November- Final Date for Shoe box Appeal, Y1/2 Football Festival

Odd Socks Day Tuesday 12th November 2024- A Reminder

Odd Socks Day 2024 is taking place on Tuesday 12th November. Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership with CBeebies and CBBC star Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks.



This year's message is **choose respect** which is something we value deeply at St Joseph's.

Children in Distress Christmas Shoebox Appeal Collection Date A reminder

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 15th 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.

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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Christmas Dates 2024- A reminder

These are now all published on the school website calendar. Apologies for the incorrect dates in last week's newsletter. Some highlights include:

- ✓ 28th November Christmas Fair 1-3pm
- ✓ 5th December KS2 Choir at Loftus Town Hall pm
- ✓ 6th December EYFS play 10am
- ✓ 9th Y3 Snappy Christmas Concert Eston
- ✓ 11th December Whole School Panto Trip
- ✓ 13th December KS1 Performance 2pm
- ✓ 17th December Christmas Lunch
- ✓ 18th December Christmas Parties
- ✓ 19th December Advent Service Hall/Church TBC

Christmas Jumper Appeal A reminder

The Year 6 children are hoping to run a Christmas jumper stall at the Christmas Fair this year as part of their enterprise topic. Any donations of outgrown Christmas jumpers will be gratefully received.

On that note we really appreciate that at Christmas time every penny really does help so we will once again let children wear Christmas jumpers on more than one occasion so that you do get your money's worth out of them. Also, this is completely optional each time.

Non uniform day

Children can wear their own clothes on Thursday 28th November in exchange for a prize for our Christmas Fair tombola please. Prizes can be anything and can be sent in to school from Monday 25th November.

Soft toys/teddies

We are having a soft toy/teddy stall at our Christmas Fair. If you have any soft toys/teddies that you would like to donate please send them in to school. Thank you for your continued support.

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Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked on the value of **listening** within school

- LJ- Alfie S
- FS1- Abel R & Dash Dash M
- FS2- Levi H-G & Joseph S
- Y1- Freddie W & Charlie S
- Y2- Noah W & Mabel H
- Y3- Arthur R & Alice T
- Y4- Kaidan H & Lucas M
- Y5- Roy P & William M
- Y6- Bobby W & Joseph D

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,

Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.

They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;

They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.



Yours sincerely,

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