



Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week in the life of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity with the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This act of service is something that makes the community of St Joseph's so special and is not something to be taken for granted. To love our neighbour is a message we give to the children frequently and this is a visible sign of this.

On another note I would like to congratulate the children who took part in the dodgeball competitions last week and came home with medals. Well done to all the children involved.

Next Week Headlines:

Monday 18th November: Y4 Trip to Tees Barrage
Thursday 14th November- governing Body Meeting 5pm
Friday 15th November- Y3/4 Dodgeball Competition

Y4 Parents Meeting rearranged for Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th November.

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.

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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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. Please can we remember to put names in uniform we have quite a bit of lost property that will be donated to charity next Friday.

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.

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked on the Catholic Social Teaching value of spreading peace within school

- LJ- Luca H
- FS1- Annabelle M & Aarran W
- FS2- Beatrice M and Finley H
- Y1- Skylah- Rose P-D & Tyler-Jack P
- Y2- Roman S & Poppy H
- Y3- Frankie M & Phoebe M
- Y4- Harper G & Gabriel T
- Y5- Darcey J & James V
- Y6- Leo J & Isla L

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

God of our longing, hear our prayers, protect our dreams, and listen to our silent hopes.
Deal gently with our pain, speak to our sadness, and remove the barriers that imprison our spirit.
Shed your light where shadows are cast, that we may feel your warmth and know your presence.
Give us courage to hold fast to our vision that we may build our world and create our future.
Amen. Prayer by Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

Yours sincerely,

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