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Autumn 2 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

St Joseph's R.C. Primary School Golden Anniversary 1968-2018

Thank you for everyone who helped us celebrate our Golden Anniversary on 26th September. We had a wonderful day and it was lovely to celebrate it with past staff. We are also hoping to have a whole school photograph in the Summer Term to commemorate the occasion.

Fundraising

Thank you to all who participated in Wear it Pink Day and the after school cake and refreshments, £154 and £116 was raised. Please can we have any outstanding sponsor money from the Penalty Shootout by Friday 16th November.

Attendance and Unauthorised Holidays

Whole school attendance was at 96.5% at the end of last half term which is an improvement on this time last year when it was at 95.4%. Please ensure this improved attendance continues as we are presently above the national average. Class percentages for attendance will be available on the website later in this term and they will be regularly updated. Presently a lot of classes are above 96% with Year 4 having the best attendance at 97.8%. Well done Y4!

Attendance 4.9.18-9.11.18

Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94.7%	94.9%	96.2%	96.3%	97.8%	96.9%	97.1%

Information regarding procedures for applying for Leave of Absence is on our website, in the 'Policies' and 'About Us' folders. It is important that parents are familiar with this as unauthorised absences may now incur a penalty notice.

Please can I also remind parents/carers that, for safeguarding reasons, if your child is absent from school you **must contact** the office before 9.30 am **everyday** that they are absent.

Homework

We have had a positive response from many parents in regards to the changes to the setting of homework across the school. There has been some wonderful work and activities completed. Please can I remind you that the number facts, times tables and spellings are a non-negotiable and the pupils must learn them weekly. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Dates for the Term

These are the remaining dates for this term, there will be further information to follow in order to clarify some activities. The dates are also displayed on calendar on the website.

Week Beginning 12 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 13 th November	Year 3 Assembly 9.00 am
Friday 16 th November	Non-Uniform Day-Tombola/Raffle Prizes for Christmas Fair
Tuesday 20 th November	Flu Vaccine-ref to info on school website
Thursday 22 nd November	Christmas Fair 3.15 pm
Wednesday 28 th November	Basketball Competition Yrs 5 & 6
Thursday 29 th November	Year 4 Snappy Christmas -Info to follow
Friday 30 th November	PD Day School closed for pupils
Monday 3 rd December	Photographs-Individual and Family
Wednesday 5 th December	Advent Mass in church 9.15 am-Parents Welcome
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day-£1 Christmas Dinner 6.00 pm Carol Service KS2
Friday 14 th December	Rec/ KS1 Nativity 9.30 am and 2.00 pm
Monday 17 th December	Yrs 2,3 & 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 18 th December	Nursery Nativity 10 am Yr 5 & Yr 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 19 th December	Yrs 2-6 Pantomime visit to the Arc Nursery, Rec and Year 1 Parties and Party Petel
Thursday 20 th December	9.00 am End of Term Achievement Assembly Parents Welcome
Friday 21 st December -school closes for Christmas and reopens on Monday 7 th January	

There will also be a number of sporting events this term. The pupils involved will be informed individually as they occur.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that we have an open door policy at St Joseph's. If you wish to discuss a matter with a class teacher or myself please do not hesitate to make an appointment with Mrs Morgan or Mrs Swainston in the office.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs R. Whyte

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