

Diary Dates:  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> December

Saint Joseph's Infant School  
Saint Joseph's Junior School  
We Follow Christ's  
Footsteps in Love



Breakfast Club Daily-  
7:45-8:30  
Junior School Hall-  
registration required

Please log onto our school websites each week to access this newsletter. **We will not be sending paper copies home so please check the website each week.**

[www.sjinf.brent.sch.uk](http://www.sjinf.brent.sch.uk)

[www.sjnr.brent.sch.uk](http://www.sjnr.brent.sch.uk)

After School Club Infant  
School  
Monday-Thursday 3-4:15

### December Value: Joy

### SCHOOL DINNER MENU Week 1

Year Group Mass Saint Joseph's Church Wembley

Reconciliation Services for parents and pupils-

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES, TIMES AND ORDER

Year 6 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10:30-12

Year 4 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10:30-12

Year 5 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10:30-12

As Advent is just about to begin Years 4, 5 and 6 will experience reconciliation next week. Parents are also invited to join with their child in reconciliation.

Forward Notice -Assemblies

Class 4:1 Saint Mary and Class 6 Saint Angela both led beautiful assemblies this week. It made us all reflect on Advent and preparing for the arrival and birth of Jesus.

Nursery and Reception Stay and Play Days- Parents, staff and pupils all had enjoyable visits on Wednesday and Friday this week. We hope that it gave you an insight into the learning experiences that your child participates in on a daily basis. A feedback sheet has been sent home with reception pupils and one will be sent home for nursery pupils next week. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions to improve future sessions.

Forward Notice- Christmas Events

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Nursery Christmas Concert

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December- Year 1 Nativity

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Year 5 Nativity

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Party Day

Friday Prayer Group- The weekly Friday Prayer Group will recommence after Christmas. We are very grateful as we have had a volunteer to lead this group. More details will be circulated nearer the time.

Flu Vaccine- School nurses will return on the 5<sup>th</sup> December to inoculate the remaining pupils who were scheduled to receive the vaccine.

School Admission 2019- Father John will be signing Certificates of Catholic Practice on the following days for specific year groups in the Parish Centre from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on each afternoon.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Nursery applications

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Reception applications (current nursery)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Year 3 Applications (current Year 2)

**Please note that Catholic pupils in our Year 2 are given a higher priority in our admissions criteria for entry into the junior school.**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Infant: Football Club 3-4  
Yoga 3:15-4:15  
Junior: Football Years  
4,5,6 3:15-4:15

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Infant: Gym Club 3-4  
Junior: Yoga Years 3-4  
3:15-4:15  
Gym Club 4-5

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
December  
Infant: Dance Club 3-4  
Junior: Dance Club 4-5  
Computer Explorers  
Year 3- 3:15-4:15  
Chess Cub Years 5-6 3:15-  
4:15

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Junior: Football Year 3,  
3:15-4:15  
Drama Club: Years 3&4  
3:15-4:15

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Health and Safety Reminder-** Please can we try to move back from reception classroom gates after your child has entered as the paths and exits are becoming blocked particularly in the mornings. Many thanks.

**School Book Fair-** The school book fair will be on in the junior school hall next week from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Decemeber. Books will be available to purchase from 8:20 am to 8:45 am each morning and from 3:15 p.m. until 3:40p.m. A book is the best Christmas gift!

**Academies-** Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting on Thursday evening. It was a very informative session and it was disappointing that more parents were not able to attend in order to get a better understanding about the proposal to convert to become an academy. **The powerpoint from the evening is available on the website on the 'Our School' and the 'All Saints Catholic Academy Trust' tab. Please complete the response sheet so that the Governing Board has feedback on the parental view on this proposal to become an academy. The consultation will close on the 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Christmas Crafternoon-** We are having a special Christmas Crafternoon in a few weeks and one of the activities involves the use of used stamps with the Queen's Head on. We would be grateful if you have any used stamps to donate. Many thanks.

**Advent Christmas Collection-** During Advent we will as usual be collecting items to support both Saint Joseph's and Saint Erconwald's parish Advent collections. A letter has been sent home with more detail of the items that would be appreciated by the Catholic Children's Society and the Passage this year.



**Christmas Parish Party-** This will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 12 until 6p.m. in the Oakington Manor School Hall. The entry ticket includes a meal and drinks and can be purchased after every Sunday Mass. The cost is £6 for adults and £4 for children aged 5-12. Children under 4 are free. This is the final weekend to purchase tickets.

**Schools Association Event-** The Christmas Fayre is this **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 1-4p.m.** There will be lots of stalls and activities and Father Christmas will be visiting! Please try to attend to get you into the festive spirit.



A PRAYER FOR THE  
First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,  
give us hope as we wait  
for your coming again.  
When we are tempted  
to be grateful to have found you  
while others are lost,  
send us out into the darkness  
in search of those  
who need you most.  
Amen.



*Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Whelan  
Executive Head Teacher*

Safeguarding- A regular safeguarding update will be provided with this newsletter to ensure that you have access to current useful information and guidance.

**Safeguarding** Saint Joseph's Catholic Infant and Junior Schools

At Saint Joseph's we are committed to the safety and happiness of all our children and adults in our school family. If you are concerned about a child, please talk to our designated safeguarding lead, Mrs A. Whelan, or any of our safeguarding officers, Mr. Betts, Miss K. Gaynor, Mr. Nicklin or Mrs. Jeeves.

 Mrs A. Whelan Principal / Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	 Mrs A. Gaynor Assistant Head / Deputy DSL	 Mr. J. Betts Safeguarding Officer	 Miss K. Gaynor Safeguarding Officer	 Mr. M. Nicklin Safeguarding Officer	 Mrs. J. Jeeves Safeguarding Officer
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Copies of our safeguarding policies can be found on the school website along with links to the latest update of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (DfE Statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment.) Hard copies may be found in the school office upon request.

## Cyberbullying is a growing concern but there are practical tips and tools you can use to teach your child how to make Smarter and safer choices as they navigate their online world.

### Set controls and privacy settings

As a parent you have some decisions to make about how you want your child to engage online and on social media and what measures you want to put in place to help protect them:

#### Set up their device

Whatever device you choose, there are free controls you can use to stop your child from purchasing and using certain apps, seeing certain content, or limiting what they can share with others, like their location for example. Our set up safe how to guides to set parental controls to cover the most popular range of devices and apps and platforms children use. From YouTube Kids to streaming services like Netflix, you'll find quick and easy steps to set up the right controls to create a safe place for your child to explore.

#### Getting the low down on sites, games, and apps

You will probably use social networks yourself, but you might want to know about new ones that your child is using or wants to use. Use them yourself and set up your own account so you can experience what your child might see. There are also many child-friendly social networks they could use while they get ready for the likes of Snapchat and Instagram.

#### Privacy settings

Spend time together looking at the privacy settings. It's always best to assume that default settings are public and should be changed accordingly. We've got some advice on using privacy settings on the most popular social apps.

#### A good profile

Use their nickname and a profile picture of their pet or favourite band, rather than themselves, and encourage them to only be friends with people they know in real life. Avoid sharing personal information like school, age, and place they live.

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