

Dear Parents/ Carers,

19.12.18

Christmas is almost upon us and it is the end of another very busy term at St Joseph's.

Time has passed so quickly, probably because we have had so much on.

Since September, we have had our Welcome Picnic, Grandparents week, school trips, Open Days, Antony Ogogo and the opening of Aldi, various sporting events, Bollywood dancing, Culture Club, Bike ability, a visit Caroline Lucas and so many fundraising events, including a very successful family breakfast. These have all been well attended and supported by you all, thank you so much.

This half term alone we have had all the exciting events that lead us to Christmas: Nativity play, pantomimes, a visit to the real Santa at the pier, Christmas Fairs and parties. Yesterday, we had a lovely Carol Service at St Joseph's which was well attended and the children sang beautifully; thanks to Mrs Brownbill for preparing them so well.

This term we had our Interim Visit from the Diocese and Mrs Feist, primary RE advisor, was very pleased with what she observed. She said that the children were "proud to belong to the school community of St Joseph's". When interviewing a group of pupils, one said 'we are a school where everyone in it are friends; even our teachers have a strong friendship'. Thus confirming what we believe that a happy school is a successful school.

We recently completed the work towards our School of Sanctuary Award, thanks to Miss Matthews and the Culture club.

This month, we also launched our very own school minibus. This has been very successful and welcomed by our families who would otherwise find it difficult to travel to school.

I would like to thank all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication, making St Joseph's a wonderful place to work and learn. But of course we could not do it without your support. Thank you for all that you do to add that little bit extra; we are very grateful for your support and partnership.

We look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound on the 3rd January. In the meantime, don't forget to check our school website for up to date news.

Don't forget that there is a special family Mass in St Joseph's Church, Elm Grove on Christmas Eve at 6pm.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Fran Morrison  
Headteacher

