



School Newsletter



Christ at the Centre

Merry
Christmas



In this coming Sunday's Gospel, we look to Mary, our heavenly mother, chosen by God to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. The Angel Gabriel announced God's will, and Mary accepted it, with a thankful heart, and put her trust in God; she is therefore the perfect example for all people – a person full of thoughtfulness, kindness and joy.

"We must learn from Mary, and we must imitate her unconditional readiness to receive Christ in her life. Let the model of Mary be reflected in our own lives."

Pope Francis



PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART & ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve Mass: 5.00pm at The Sacred Heart Church;
7.30pm at St. Joseph's Church.

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day Mass: 10.00am at The Sacred Heart Church.

CATHOLIC CARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

A huge thank you to those families who have kindly donated food goods or toys for our Catholic Care Appeal; as a staff, we have also contributed food and toys, to create our own hampers – it is very powerful to think our gifts have already been delivered, to those in need, ready for next week! It was wonderful that Janet Kent, from Catholic Care, was able to attend this morning's Carol Service, to thank parents personally.

PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO

This week's Christmas Discos were a soaring success, yet again, and 'DJ Fish' aka Miss. Fisher, was back on the decks and created a wonderful atmosphere. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who were able to offer their support, as well as all the staff – the disco raised £400. A huge thank you to Mrs Benn who kindly donated all the sweets for sale at the disco.

PTA BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Last Saturday morning, Father Christmas himself stopped by at St. Joseph's to meet 60 very lucky children. Yet again, this was a truly wonderful experience and it was a pleasure to be in school, on a weekend, spending time with such



excited, happy children. A huge thank you to Miss Fisher and Mrs Kelly for organising the morning and to the staff who kindly offered their help.

EY/KS1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES & KS2 CAROL SERVICE

Thank you to all our parents, and families, who were able to attend the Early Years/Key Stage 1 Nativity performances, as well as today's Carol Service. The children were fantastic and thank you to all the staff who helped to prepare these wonderful performances and services.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note, there will be no After School Clubs during the first week. A letter about spring term clubs has been sent to parents via email.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

The Friday Celebration Assemblies will resume in the New Year, with the first one taking place on Friday 11th January, at 2:45pm.

BACK TO SCHOOL

A reminder that school re-opens on Monday 7th January 2019.



THANKS & CHRISTMAS WISHES

I would like to take this opportunity, as ever, to thank you for your support, at all our events during this term, and for your continued support of our school and charity fundraising efforts. The staff and Academy Council are extremely appreciative of the support that the school receives from parents, and members of the school community, in order to benefit our children.

May I also thank all the staff for their continued hard work, to ensure your children receive a top quality education.

It is a privilege to lead St. Joseph's and I will look forward to the successes that 2019 will bring for us all. As I've said before, for a small school in Moorthorpe, we have a wealth of success; St. Joseph's is a truly amazing school, which continues to go from strength to strength.

I am also pleased to tell you that our KS2 SATs results, from July 2018, have now been validated and are available via the following link - <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/140558> As you will be able to see, provision for Mathematics at our school is 'Above Average', meaning our children outperform the national average in this subject area.

As ever, an enormous thanks must also go to the PTA who have organised a vast amount of fundraising events over the last term, concluding with such exciting occasions during this last week - we're extremely lucky to have such dedicated people working with our children.

And finally...may I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a very happy and holy Christmas. On behalf of the whole staff too, thank you all for your cards, presents and kind wishes, this Christmas season.

I hope you, and your families, all have a wonderful and well-deserved Christmas, and that Santa brings you all everything you deserve! I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year too, and I look forward to seeing you all back in school again, on January 7th 2019.

May God bless you all,

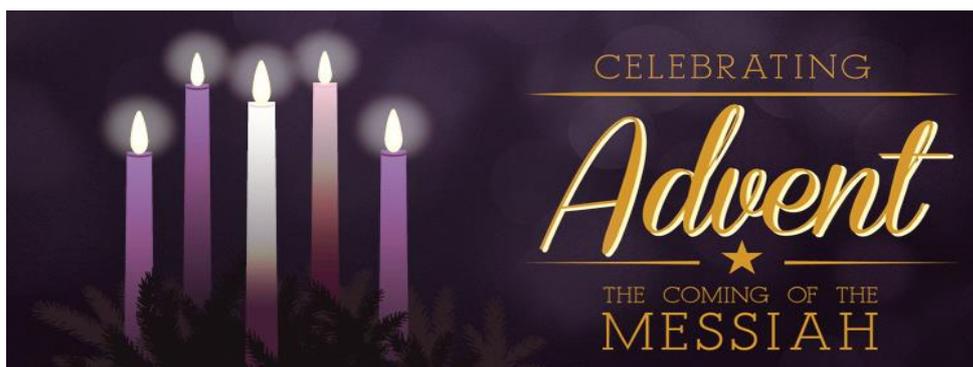
*Mr Welsh
Headteacher*



2018-2019 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Autumn Term 2018		
School Opens	Tuesday 4 th September	
School Closes	Thursday 25 th October	Half Term
School Opens	Monday 5 th November	
School Closes	Friday 21 st December	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 2019		
School Opens	Monday 7 th January	
School Closes	Friday 15 th February	Half term
School Opens	Monday 25 th February	
School Closes	Thursday 18 th April	Easter
Summer Term 2019		
School Opens	Monday 29 th April	
School Closed	Monday 6 th May	May Day
School Closes	Friday 24 th May	Spring Bank Holiday
School Opens	Monday 10 th June	
School Closes	Friday 19 th July	Summer Break

INSET DAYS
Monday 3 rd September 2018
Friday 26 th October 2018
Friday 3 rd May 2019
Monday 22 nd July 2019
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019



ST JOSEPH'S SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS

Mr. Welsh (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs. Millard (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs. Kelly (Designated Staff Member) & Mrs. Rowley (Designated Staff Member)

<http://www.st-josephs-moorthorpe.wakefield.sch.uk/key-information/safeguarding>



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