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### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Hello everyone. After surviving relatively well during the last 21 months, our little school has really felt the 'COVID punch' over the last month, with more and more pupils, families and staff suffering. We will continue to put our pupils' safety first with any decisions we need to make, and will of course inform you as soon as possible.

### **Mrs Jones**

I am delighted to be able to tell you that our lovely Mrs Jones is able to announce her well deserved retirement. Mrs Jones has worked at St Joseph's for over 12 years, first as a volunteer and then as an employee. With my calculations, I reckon that is over 400 children that have benefitted from Mrs Jones kindness and support. Now that she is retired, Mrs Jones will be able to spend more time with her grandson, but has promised that she will pop in to see us. I am sure that if you see Mrs Jones around the area, you will give her a very warm thank you.

### **Dates for the rest of term**

Today, you will receive an updated dates list. These dates haven't changed since the last update, but we felt it useful for parents and families to have a definitive list!

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to the families who have donated a Christmas Box to Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes are being collected on Friday, 3rd December, so if you are donating one, please send it in by then. Thank you in advance.

### **Christmas Decorations**

Our Christmas lights will be up by December 1st and, as we did last year, we are inviting pupils and families to decorate the 'Festive Fence'. This is the fence outside the Y5 classroom (next to Nursery). Please hang the baubles from December 1st onwards, and we will see if we can beat last year's wonderful display!

### **Advent Mass**

Our Advent Mass for KS2 pupils will take place this Monday, 29th December from 9.30am. All visitors are welcome. We have had a few queries from parents asking if the choir will be 'performing'. Our choir will be singing, but this will be as part of the Mass, not as a performance.



Take care!  
Mr P Craig