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Newsletter no. 6

24th November 2023

Upcoming events

Monday 27th November

CAFOD Club in lunchtime
 Girls' football in lunchtime
 Year 5 swimming pm
 Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm
 First Holy Communion parents' meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday 28th November

Y5 visit Christmas markets am (pupils only)
 School choir singing at Eldon Square 10.00am
 Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 29th November

Y4 visit to Arbeia Roman fort all day (pupils only)
 Y5 Mass in church 10.00am
 Guitar club in lunchtime
 Art Club 3.15-4.15pm

First Holy Communion children's Meeting 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 30th November

YR 5 Sportshall Athletics am
 Football Club in lunchtime
 Choir in lunchtime
 Craft/Mindfulness Club 3.15-4.15pm
 KS2 Drama Club 3.15-4.15pm
 Tag rugby 3.15-4.15pm
 Choir singing at Hedworthfield CA 4.00pm

Friday 1st December

Christmas Fayre 1.00pm

Sunday 3rd December

FHC Special Mass Liturgy

Monday 4th December

CAFOD Club in lunchtime
 Girls' football in lunchtime
 Year 5 swimming pm
 Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 5th December

Reception Co-ordination Challenge (pupils only) at Urban Factory am
 School Council in lunchtime
 Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm
 First Reconciliation Service 6.00pm

Dear Parents and Carers

It's beginning to feel a lot like (nearly) Christmas!

Ofsted report

We are obviously delighted with our recent Ofsted report. If you haven't read it yet, it is available on our website - [LINK](#)

Movie Night

Our Christmas movie night takes place on Friday 8th December 3.15-5.15 for Reception-Year 6 pupils. The movies this year are 'Frozen 2' for our younger pupils and 'Home Alone 2' for KS2. Tickets include a hotdog, a cookie and a drink and cost £2, payable via Parentpay



Christmas Bauble Trail

We will be setting up our Christmas Bauble Trail again along the fence between Nursery and Year 5 on Wednesday evening. You are invited to bring along your own bauble or decoration for the trail from Thursday onwards. If you would like the decoration back, please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on it.

We usually decorate the tree outside my office, but this is to be used for a different purpose this year.

Memory Tree

We are to use this tree as a 'memory tree', where you can place a bauble or decoration with the name or message in the memory of someone dear to you. After the Carols by Candlelight service on 20th December, we will have baubles and pens available in the back of the church.

Pupil illness

If you need to inform the school of a pupil absence, please either ring 0191 5364311 or send an email to enquiries@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk. Please remember to give a full and valid reason for your child's absence e.g. high temperature, vomiting, along with your child's full name and year group. This is a regulation that we must record on our attendance system. It is not enough to simply say that they are unwell.

Thank you.

Christmas Fayre

The Friends of are hosting a Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December in the school hall from 1pm. There will be lots of stalls including a book sale, Christmas decorations for sale, wooden tree decorations created by the children, toy sale, bric-a-brac, hot dogs, hot chocolate, teddies and raffles, so please bring cash. There will also be Santa in his Grotto which is free of charge for each child to visit and receive a gift. We are looking for donations of small selection boxes which can be dropped off at the school office.

Wednesday 6th December

Advent Mass 9.15pm (all welcome)

Guitar club in lunchtime

Art Club 3.15-4.15pm

Choir at Jarrow Big Sing at St

Matthew's Church 6.00pm

Thursday 7th December

Y5 visit to Jarrow Hall all day (pupils only)

Y1 Christmas multiskills festival am (pupils only)

Football Club in lunchtime

Craft/Mindfulness Club

3.15-4.15pm

KS2 Drama Club 3.15-4.15pm

Tag rugby 3.15-4.15pm

Friday 8th December

Christmas Movie Night

3.15-5.15pm

Dance Day

Our day of dance last week was a great success. The children (and staff!) had a brilliant and energetic time. You can watch the video of the dance day here - [LINK](#)

Year 4 Mass

Well done to our Year 4 children who led a beautiful Mass in church this morning. As we have had to move Advent Mass, a reminder to Year 3 parents that the planned Mass on Wednesday 6th December is cancelled.

St Joseph's Teaching and Learning Instagram Page

Coming soon, watch this space.....

This will be reflective of all classes in school.

Take care,
Mr P Craig
Headteacher