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Newsletter no. 7

8th December 2023

Upcoming events

Monday 11th December

Santa's Swap Shop

CAFOD Club in lunchtime

Year 5 swimming pm

Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 12th December

KS1 Nativity 9.15am

Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

CANCELLED

KS1 Nativity 5.00pm

Wednesday 13th December

Guitar club in lunchtime

CANCELLED

pm Years 1 and 2 Christmas party

Art Club 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday 14th December

Football Club in lunchtime

pm Years 3 and 4 Christmas party

Craft/Mindfulness Club

3.15-4.15pm

KS2 Drama Club 3.15-4.15pm

Tag Rugby 3.15-4.15pm

Friday 15th December

Nursery Nativity in church 10.30am

pm Years 5 and 6 Christmas party

Monday 18th December

**Lisette Auton (local author) school
visit all day**

Year 5 swimming pm CANCELLED

pm Nursery Christmas party

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas lunch

**Reception Singalong in school
2.15pm**

Wednesday 20th December

Guitar club in lunchtime

**pm Reception Christmas party
5.00pm Carols by Candlelight in
church**

Thursday 21st December

Christmas Pyjama Day

Friday 22nd December

**Key Stage 2 Gold Book Assembly
9.15am**

End of school 1.00pm

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, not long left! I hope you are starting to feel excited. The sounds of the children singing their Christmas songs has certainly brought a sense of Christmas wonder in school.

Santa's Swap Shop

The School Council have organised their annual Santa's Swap Shop. The original letter is available [here](#). All toys etc can be brought in by their child, and we will collect them from classes. If your child would like to bring in more than one gift, that would be greatly appreciated, as we would love every child to take a present home, as some children may not be able to bring a present in.

Christmas bauble trail

Thank you to those who have already placed a bauble on the fence outside Year 5. I especially like Bryan's Christmas cracker! We would love it if it was covered by the last day!

KS1 Nativity

Our Key Stage 1 Nativities will take place on Tuesday. Please remember, this is a ticketed event to ensure we do not overcrowd the hall, so you must show your ticket at the door. If you don't bring your ticket, you may need to wait for us to see if there is space available later. Please don't be offended by this.

Nursery Nativity

This will take place next Friday in church. Tickets are not required.

Christmas parties

Our Christmas parties take place over the next few weeks. Children can come to school in their party clothes, or you can put clothes in a bag for them to change into. Food and refreshments will be provided by school, but we do ask for a £1 donation through Parentpay.

Carols by Candlelight

The most festive part of the year takes place on Wednesday 20th December at 5.00pm in church. Our Key Stage 2 children will lead you through the Christmas story with music and dance. ALL members of our school community are welcome. If you would like to bring along your own LED battery candle, please do so and join in. If your child is taking part in the service, please can you make sure they are in church by 4.45pm?

Memory tree

Following the above service, we invite families to the back of church or in the church hall to dedicate a bauble in memory of a loved one. There will be sharpies available to write a message. Please limit the baubles to one per family. These baubles can be placed on our 'memory tree' which is the small tree outside the office.

Clubs in the last week

There are no lunchtime or after school clubs in the last week of term

Christmas Pyjama Day

We invite pupils and staff (and parents if they want to!) to come to school in pyjamas, dressing gown, slippers etc on Thursday 21st December. They can be Christmas themed, but this is not essential. Remember, your child will still need a coat, shoes etc for when we go outside.



Author visit

Local author, Lisete Auton, is visiting school on Monday 18th December. She will be leading workshops in all classes from Nursery to Year 6.

End of school on the last day

Please remember that we finish early on the final day of term (Friday 22nd December). Children should be picked up as normal at 1.00pm. We have had a couple of parents asking if they can pick them up earlier, but unfortunately this is not possible as we will need to register the children just before 1.00pm.

Finally Instagram...

Thank you to all of the people who have requested to follow the new whole school teaching learning page. Mrs Bertram is doing her best to decipher who everyone is and accept them. If your request has not yet been accepted could you please email Mrs Bertram directly (kbertram@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk) and she will add you. Please state the name of your child/ children in your email. We love our wider community to be involved in the teaching and learning aspect of our school too so please encourage other family members to request to follow our page. They must also state their relationship to a child in school from a safeguarding perspective. Thank you.

Take care,
Mr P Craig
Headteacher