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Newsletter no. 8

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Upcoming events

Monday 8th January

Staff INSET Day

CAFOD Club in lunchtime

Tuesday 9th January

Pupils back to school

Wednesday 10th January

**Pupil First Holy Communion
meeting 3.30pm in church**

Friday 12th January

**Feast of Benet Biscop service at St
Paul's church, Jarrow pm (Y4 Pupils
only)**

Sunday 14th January

First Holy Communion special Mass

Monday 15th January

Girls' football lunchtime

Year 4 swimming pm

Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 16th January

Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 17th January

Five year old dental check in school

Guitar club in lunchtime

pm Reception Christmas party

Football training 3.15-4.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers

After a long, hard slog, we've crawled our way to the end of term! It has been a very special few weeks in school, however, where we have celebrated the birth of Jesus with a number of events.

Carols by Candlelight

I have to say, I think that was the best one yet! The pupils were absolutely amazing. We have had many comments about how emotional they made the whole service, and I know that it certainly made many of us feel the festive spirit.



Santa's Swap Shop

Well done to the School Council for organising this brilliant event. It is so good to see EVERY child in school go home with a gift. We also had a significant number left that we were able to donate to a local refuge.

Nativities & Reception Singalong

Our Nursery and Key Stage 1 Nativities were wonderful, and extremely well attended, and the children performed admirably. It was also great to hear all of our families joining in with the Reception children (though they had been threatened with no visit from Santa if they didn't!)

Better Health at Work Award

We are delighted to let you know that St Joseph's have been awarded the Silver award in the Better Health at Work Award programme. This is all down to the dedication of Mrs McMillian and Miss McCrimmon who spent many, many hours collecting the evidence for the submission. Next year, we will be 'Going for Gold!'

Memory tree

There was a huge response from our community with our Memory Tree. The baubles that were written on in church were all placed on the tree yesterday, and will stay there into the New Year. We will keep them in a safe place during the year, and place them back on the tree next Christmas.

Christmas at St Joseph's

We are still having issues accessing our Facebook account. This has meant we are unable to share the many celebrations we have had in school. Instead, we have created a video that you can view on our school Youtube page - [LINK](#). As an alternative to Facebook, why not access our...

...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.

Clubs in the first week back

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

Author visit

The children had an amazing day with local author, Lisette Auton, and her ideas for developing stories will be used in the months to come. Lisette also commented that our school was the 'best she had been in'!

A final message

Thank you all for your continued support this term. It has been a busy (and successful) few months, and this is down to the support we receive from our community. I hope you have a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year, and we will see you all on Tuesday 9th January.

Take care,
Mr P Craig
Headteacher