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Newsletter no. 11

29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Upcoming events

**Monday 2nd December**  
CAFOD Club in lunchtime  
Girls' football in lunchtime

Year 5 swimming pm  
Lego club 3.15-4.15pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Advent Mass in church 9.15am All welcome**

**Reception Co-ordination challenge at Urban Factory CANCELLED**

Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

'Sing of a Child' cluster performance (school choir) at St Matthew's church 6.00pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Rosary Club 8.30am

Guitar, MFL and Laudato Si club in lunchtime

**First Holy Communion**

**Reconciliation service in church 6.00pm**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Santa's Swap Shop**

Choir in lunchtime

Football Team Training at

Community Centre 3.15-4.15pm

Mindfulness Club 3.15-4.15pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**EYFS Nativity in church 10.30am**

**Friends of St Joseph's Christmas Fair 1.00pm**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Whole school Science Day**

CAFOD Club in lunchtime

Girls' football in lunchtime

Year 5 swimming pm

Lego club 3.15-4.15pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Y5/6 (selected pupils) Gymnastics festival at Temple Park am**

Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Rosary Club 8.30am

**KS1 Nativity 9.30am**

Guitar, MFL and Laudato Si club in lunchtime

**KS1 Nativity 5.00pm**

### Dear Parents and Carers

Well, we're almost at the 'most wonderful time of the year' so there is obviously a LOT of information!

#### Christmas parties

Pupils will have their Christmas parties with their friends again this year. Pupils can come to school dressed in their party outfits, or can wear school uniform and bring their outfit to get changed at lunchtime. As in previous years, the kitchen will provide the party food, but we do ask for a small donation of £1 towards this cost. You can pay for this through Parentpay, or your child can bring £1 into school.

#### Christmas Fayre

The annual Friends of St Joseph's Christmas Fayre will take place this Friday. The Friends of have asked for the following:

- Any help that can be provided, even if for a short time
- Any donations for the stalls
- Raffle tickets and money to be delivered to the office by Friday

Also, we do need to know if your child is being collected at 1.00pm. This is so we can organise staffing around this. Please complete this [form](#) to let us know. If it is not completed, we will assume they are NOT being collected.

We will share a map of the fayre during next week so you know where the refreshments are!

#### Santa's Swap Shop

The School Council have organised their annual Santa's Swap Shop. The original letter is available below. 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

If you would like to place a Christmas bauble on the fence outside Year 5, please do. We would love it if it was covered by the last day!

#### KS1 Nativity

Our Key Stage 1 Nativities will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. 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. Information about tickets will be available next week.

#### EYFS Nativity

This will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> in church. Tickets are not required.

#### Carols by Candlelight

The most festive part of the year takes place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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?

We do need to know which children are attending, so please complete this [form](#) to let us know. If we don't receive a response, your child will unfortunately not have a part in the service.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Y5/6 Christmas party  
Football Team Training at  
Community Centre 3.15-4.15pm  
**CANCELLED**  
Mindfulness Club 3.15-4.15pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Whole school visit to the panto!

### 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 will be placed on our 'memory tree' which is the small tree outside the office.

### Christmas Jumper Day

We invite pupils and staff (and parents if they want to!) to come to school in a Christmas jumper on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We have been donated some jumpers if you are finding it difficult to get one. Remember, your child will still need normal school uniform and a coat, shoes etc for when we go outside.

### Jubilee Advent Calendar

Your child will have received an advent calendar today that gives ideas for prayer and activities during Lent. Please spend some time with your child looking at this. Please send any photos of you doing so to the school email. Thank you

### Advent bags

Our Advent bags will be shared with families this week. This is an opportunity to spend some time with your family sharing the story of the Nativity. Please send any photos to the school office. Thank you.

### Cold Weather

We are asking for donations of hats, scarves, gloves etc that you no longer need for your child so that any child that may forget theirs can use spares at playtimes.

### Clubs in the last week

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

### Parish bulletin

This week's parish bulletin is available [here](#)

Take care,  
Mr P Craig  
Headteacher

**This week's scripture: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

**The theme of the scripture: We anticipate the coming of Jesus**

**Link to Catholic Social Teaching: Human Dignity**



**Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:**

Mr Craig, Mrs Bertram and Mrs Gibson  
(governor)

**Our SENDCO is:** Mrs. Bertram and Miss  
Shaughnessy (governor)



**Whole school attendance this week is  
95.4%**

**Best class attendance is Year 1 – 97.3%**



Dear Parents

On the 5th of December, the school council is returning with 'Santa's Swap Shop'! It would be lovely if your children can bring in old toys and games that they don't use anymore, but are good enough for a present. They will get another toy in exchange. If you decide to bring in more than one toy or present, this means that some children who can't afford to bring one in will still receive a present.

Last year, the toys brought in were mainly for younger children. We would love for the older children to have a better variety this year.

Any toys that are left over will go to the local women's refuge.

Yours faithfully

St Joseph's School Council

|   | DATE                                  | EVENT   | Parents invited? |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| DECEMBER  | Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>December    | Special Liturgy for FHC pupils in church 11.00am                                  | ☺                |
|   | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>December   | Advent Mass 9.15am  | ☺                |
|   |                                       | Reception Co-ordination challenge at Urban Factory<br>10.00am-12.00pm CANCELLED   |                  |
|   |                                       | Jarrow Cluster 'Sing of a Child' Concert at St<br>Matthew's (School Choir) 6.00pm | ☺                |
|   | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>December | Y5 & Y6 visit to Newcastle Christmas Markets all day                              |                  |
| First Reconciliation Service for FHC pupils in church<br>6.00pm |                                       | ☺   |                  |

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| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>December   | Santa's Swap Shop   |   |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup><br>December     | Nursery and <b>Reception</b> Nativity in church 10.30am       | 😊 |
|  | Friends of St Joseph's Christmas Fayre 1.00-3.15pm            | 😊 |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup><br>December     | Science Day including Community show 3.30-4.30pm              | 😊 |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup><br>December   | Yr 5/6 Key Steps Gymnastics (12 pupils) at the Urban Factory  |   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup><br>December | KS1 ( <b>Y1/Y2</b> ) Nativity 9.15am and 5.00pm               | 😊 |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>December  | <b>Y5/6</b> Christmas Party pm                                |   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | Whole school visit to Panto at the Exchange, North Shields pm |   |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | <b>Y3/4</b> Christmas Party pm                                |   |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup><br>December   | <b>Y3 visit to Hancock Museum all day</b>                     |   |
|  | <b>Y1/2</b> Christmas Party pm                                |   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>December | <b>Reception Christmas Party pm</b>                           |   |
|  | Carols by Candlelight service in church 5.00pm                | 😊 |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>December  | Christmas Jumper Day!   |   |
|  | Christmas Lunch   |   |
|  | Nursery Christmas Party pm                                    |   |
|  | Christmas Movie Night 3.15-5.15pm                             |   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | KS2 Gold Book Assembly 9.00am                                 | 😊 |
|  | End of term (early finish at 1.00pm)                          |   |

**Pupils return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025**