

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter



### This Week

#### Winter weather

We remind parents that during periods of inclement weather a safe route will be marked out in and around the grounds. Please ensure that you and your children stick to the safe routes on site at all time.

As the school days start to get colder, please also ensure that children come to school suitably dressed with a warm coat, hat and gloves.

#### Foodbank Donations

A huge thanks to those who have contributed to our foodbank appeal already. There are boxes in and around school for pupils to drop in their donations.

If any families are in need of support with food or presents for Christmas, please do call school and ask to speak to Mrs Ashton or Mr Fannan. Your phone call will be handled with the utmost discretion and there are lots of things that we can do to help.

Many families are provided with this support each year and as a school community we want to help in any way that we can, so please don't worry alone, pick up the phone!

#### Attendance

As a school, we aim for class attendance to be at 97% or better. We recognise that due to COVID-19, there will be a slight decline in figures. We appreciate your efforts to ensure your child's attendance is as positive as possible over the course of this academic year.

Year Group	Overall %
Reception	97.1
Year 1	92.8
Year 2	100
Year 3	98.3
Year 4	88.9
Year 5	99.2
Year 6	96.1

#### Christmas Party Day

A reminder that on Monday 13th December the children will have their Christmas party in school. We ask that children come dressed in their party clothes and as they will be still going outside to play, please bring a change of shoes if party shoes are not suitable for outdoor play



### Upcoming Events

- Second Sunday of Advent 5th December
- Christmas Party Day Monday 13th December
- Christmas Performances available to view on the website Monday 13th December
- Christmas Dinner Wednesday 15th December
- Break up for Christmas Holidays Friday 17th December
- Children return to school Tuesday 4th January

#### Healthy Snack

We encourage our KS2 children to bring a healthy snack with them each day to eat at breaktime.

#### Advent

Please visit the school website to view our Advent page to see how we are preparing in school during Advent.

### Statement to Live By

Our Statement to live by this week will be

**'I try to love others as I love myself.'**

Please make the opportunity to talk about this with your child. It will be the focus of Collective Worship throughout the week.

