

10th December 2021

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter



### This Week

#### Christmas Party Day

A reminder that Monday 13th is Christmas Party Day in school. Children are to come dressed in their party clothes. (Please ensure that children will be warm enough at playtime as they will still be going outside and that footwear is safe). During the morning each class will have their Christmas party with lots of fun and games. They will have a party lunch, provided by school, and later will enjoy an online Pantomime during the afternoon. We are all so excited!

#### Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas dinner day will take place on Wednesday 15th December. Children are to come to school wearing their school uniform please. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a Christmas lunch on Wednesday, please book this using the payment item on ParentPay.

#### Foodbank Donations

Thank you so much for the response that we have already had to our foodbank appeal. In keeping with our poverty proofing agenda in school, staff would ask that all parents who would like to show their appreciation; instead of buying staff gifts, consider contributing to the foodbank appeal instead.

Your kind contributions will make a big difference to those within our local community this Christmas.

#### 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	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

#### Last Day of Term

Children will break up at the normal time on Friday 17th December and will return to school on Tuesday 4th January.



### Upcoming Events

- Third Sunday of Advent 12th 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

This Sunday, we light the 3rd Advent candle. It is known as the 'Shepherd's Candle' and is pink because rose is the liturgical colour for joy. Gaudete Sunday reminds us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.

From all staff, pupils and governors at St. Joseph's, we would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas!

### 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.



Bishop Chadwick  
Catholic Education Trust

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