



# SJRC News



Friday 15th December 2023

To The St. Joseph's Family,

As we come towards the end of the Autumn Term, it is always a good time to sit and reflect on the term. Life at St Joseph's has been memorable, full of opportunities. The children have settled in their new classrooms and routines and are thriving! Some highlights include; Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Socks Day, Mass, Extra-Curricular Clubs, Black History Month, Children in Need, Nativity, Advent Carol Service and St. Joseph's on Tour, just to name a few. They have had countless opportunities to develop academically, spiritually and socially across the term.

As we reflect, we can say that it has been a busy term, but the children have, once again, shown us their resilience, compassion and enthusiasm. They have excelled! We are proud of every single child!

I am sure you will join me in thanking the hard working, passionate staff that work tirelessly to ensure your child flourishes. A special thank you also goes to our fantastic parents / carers. The whole community create the school we are, today.

If I do not have an opportunity to speak to you before the end of term, I will take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and holy Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Mr Coffey



## **The Remarkable Extra Curricular Choir**

Today, our wonderful Extra Curricular Choir gave a first-class performance to the parents and children at St. Joseph's. All songs sung had the theme of water. They have worked relentlessly over the past term and this was evident today, with their captivating singing. Their enthusiasm, diction, dynamics and ability to work together was remarkable. The Year 6 children were missed, as they were on a school trip but the other members of the choir certainly made up for it! The West End and Choristers need to watch out as the children of St. Joseph's have got tremendous talent! Thank you to Mr Dixon for his hard work with the group.

Maybe this has inspired children in Years 3—6 to join the choir during the Spring Term? If so, make sure they put their hand up next week when asked who wants to join the choir!

## **Our Final Carolling of the Season!**

On Wednesday, members of Fisher Class got up early to arrive at school for 7:55am. They walked over to Bermondsey Tube Station to sing and share the message of Christmas with the commuters of South London. A member of the TFL staff commented that it was the best carol singers they had had at the station all year! They made the staff and parents at St. Joseph's very proud!

Today, we heard the last carolling of the year from our wonderful children in Year 4. This was their first carolling gig as a group and their delicate tones ensured people passing by felt the Christmas Spirit.



All the children who have been carolling this season have been raising money for our school—to help purchase items from the school wish list. The children have raised a fantastic £402.11 in total!  
A fantastic effort!

## **Year 6 Trip**

Today, Year 6 went to Old Kent Road Fire Station. This was to enhance their citizenship learning. They learnt about different ways to look after themselves, including; road safety, fire safety and CPR. These key skills are important for them to understand, should they ever need them. Ms Oye and Mr Humm expressed how they worked in groups well to support one another. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who attended the trip with the children. Sonny said, "It was important as we were able to explore new things that we did not know about before. I now know how to stay safe on the street, call 999 in an emergency, explain to the police where I am. I discovered a lot today!"

## **Nursery Nativity**

A huge congratulations to the children in Nursery who had their first ever Nativity performance this week! They did a fantastic job, singing and speaking clearly and loudly. The children enjoyed telling the Christmas story. Well done to all of the children and the Nursery Team for their hard work! All parents / carers were beaming with pride!



## Reminders



Please ensure your child has a school water bottle. If you need to purchase a school water bottle, they are available from the office for £1.50. If your child does not have one, please purchase one as they do get thirsty during the day. Remember to write their name on it!



Look at the Extra Curricular Clubs email sent on ParentMail. If you wish for your child to participate in a club, please remind them to put up their hand when it is spoken about in class. Children will then be selected. If your child does not get chosen, they will have other opportunities throughout the year.



Remember to label your child's uniform! Lots of uniform has been lost this term because items do not have names on them. Please label every item of clothing and check this regularly to ensure it has not been washed off. If you have lost a piece of uniform, check the lost property at the office. If your child takes home someone else's uniform, please ensure it is returned to the school so we can reunite it with the owner. Thank you for your continued support.

# Coming up!



## **House Day**

The children will have their Autumn 2

House Day on Monday 18th December. The children should come to school on this day wearing their house colours! We have an exciting day planned for the children to celebrate this.

## **Christmas Party Day**

Children will be having their Christmas Party on Tuesday 19th December. They should come to school wearing their party clothes. Please ensure that the clothes are weather appropriate and that there are no heels / jewellery. The children are also welcome to wear their Christmas jumper on this day. If you have any donations for the party, please ensure it is shop brought due to allergies. Please refer to the previous letter to see what your child has been asked to bring in. Any donations for the party can be sent in with the children from Monday 18th December. Thank you for your support.

## **End of Term**

Please remember, the last day of Autumn Term is on Wednesday 20th December. The children will be finishing at 2pm. Please ensure you have made arrangements for your child to be collected at this time. The children will return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

## **Pre-loved Uniform Sale**

We will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale every Wednesday 9:00—9:30am in the Thames Room, until Christmas. If you wish to browse the selection of pre-loved uniform, please come the next three Wednesdays. We have lots of items available. If your child has grown out of their uniform, and you wish to donate it, please drop it off during this time or at the school office.

### **Dates for the diary**

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**Monday 18th December** —House Day in school Children to come to school wearing their House Colours

**Tuesday 19th December** —Christmas Parties in school Children can come wearing their party clothes / Christmas jumpers for the day (Details were sent on ParentMail)

**Wednesday 20th December** —Last Day of Term School finishes at 2pm.

**Monday 8th January 2024** —School Closed Admin will be available at the office for any purchases of uniform / pre-loved uniform (8am—3pm).

**Tuesday 9th January 2024** —First Day of the Spring Term Winter School Uniform (please remember that the children cannot wear boots or trainers).

**Friday 12th January 2024** —Reception Superhero Day Children in RECEPTION ONLY to come dressed as Superheroes for the day!

### **Birthday Shoutouts**

*We would like to wish those who have celebrated their birthday this week or have a birthday coming up, **a very happy birthday!***



**Seyi**—Fisher Class

**Penny-Lou**—Peter Class

**Jermaine**—Jerome Class

**Nathaniel**—Fisher Class

**Annabeth**—Jerome Class

**Arianna**—Elizabeth Class

**Susan**—Fisher Class

**Michal**—Felton Class

**Denzel**—Dempsey Class

**Patrick**—Dempsey Class

**Jotham**—Dempsey Class

**Joanna**—Dempsey Class

**Reagan**—Nursery Class

**Sebastian**—Joseph Class

**Avidan**—Jerome Class

**Oluwademildade**—Nursery Class

**Kairell**—Joseph Class

**Amira**—Joseph Class

**Ruby**—Fisher Class

**Amen**—Joseph Class

**Elizabeth**—Joseph Class





## Stars and Superheroes of the Week



*A massive congratulations to the following children for being awarded Star of the Week in their class today!*

*Well done to;*

***Sofia*** for always being kind to her friends in **Nursery Class**.

***All of Peter Class*** for a fantastic first term in Reception, trying their best and being enthusiastic about learning!

***Jonathon*** for always trying his best during carpet sessions in **John Paul Class**.

***Leroy and Aniyah*** for trying their best in every lesson and being a great role model for their friends in **Elizabeth Class** .

***Sebastian*** in **Baptist Class** great listening and always being on task! Mr Deveril also gave Sebastian house points for his great work in Gardening Club this week!

***Joel*** in **Jerome Class** trying hard with his Maths work!

***Elijah*** in **McAuley Class** for participating more during class discussions and becoming more engaged in his learning!

***Ashmia*** in **Felton Class** for settling into her new class and the life at St. Joseph's well.

***James*** in **Joseph Class** for being thoughtful and kind, taking time to be supportive of his peers as well as focussing hard on his own learning. He has worked hard to produce excellent writing in his English work over the last few weeks.

***Abjatu*** in **Campion Class** for being resilient and attentive in all of her work.

***Archie*** in **Dempsey Class** for great work in Maths, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions!

***Aruna*** for trying hard to focus and make the right choices and ***Nathaniel*** for leading by example with his passion for Maths and for also helping others with their understanding in **Fisher Class**.

*We are very proud of you all!*

## LAST WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS



**“WHOEVER HAS MY COMMANDS AND KEEPS THEM IS THE ONE WHO LOVES ME. THE ONE WHO LOVES ME WILL BE LOVED BY MY FATHER, AND I TOO WILL LOVE THEM AND SHOW MYSELF TO THEM .”**

*JOHN 14: 21*

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## **Cost of living help**

### **Struggling to cope with bills? Apply for £100 today**

We're offering £100 to low-income households that need a bit of extra help to pay for food, energy or other essentials leading up to Christmas. Find out if you're eligible, and apply by 11.59pm on 15 December for the best chance of getting your voucher by post before Christmas.

*Follow this link for more information.*

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