



St Joseph's December Newsletter



Key Dates

Merry Christmas, we hope your Advent preparations are going well. We are very much on the run up to Christmas and our preparations in school through our Advent assemblies, Advent project and Nativity rehearsals are going wonderfully. Please see the key school dates below for your information:

- We break up for Christmas on **Friday 18th December**. Your child will be dismissed exactly **one hour earlier** than their current dismissal time (There will be no After School Club on this day)
- The children return to school on Wednesday 6th January at their current arrival time

Coronavirus

We ask our parent community to continue to be vigilant in how they manage the symptoms of Coronavirus in their household and in their family. Furthermore, we ask you to continue to adhere to the preventative measures which we are implementing as a school to inhibit the potential spread of the virus.

The NHS defines the symptoms of Coronavirus (including children) as:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If your child or a member of your household displays symptoms of Coronavirus:

- 1) Call the school office to inform the school
- 2) Book a test for Coronavirus
- 3) Self-Isolate until you receive the test results
- 4) Call the school office to inform the school of the results of the test

Over the holiday period if a member of your household displays symptoms of COVID-19 we ask that you inform the school using the following email address: covid@stjosephs-georgerow.southwark.sch.uk. This is for the purpose of 'track and trace'. This email address should not be used for any other purpose.

Congratulations Mrs Byrne

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that Mrs Byrne is expecting her second child. A massive congratulations to her and her husband, we wish her a very successful pregnancy and all look forward to welcoming the newest member of the St Joseph's family.

KS1 and Reception Nativity

Throughout our school community excitement has been building in anticipation for our Key Stage 1 and Reception Nativity Movie! We are delighted to confirm that it will be broadcast on the school website on Thursday 17th December 2020. The children will watch this movie in their classes on this day. All parents will be sent the log in details to access the movie page on the school website via 'Parent Mail' on Thursday 17th December.

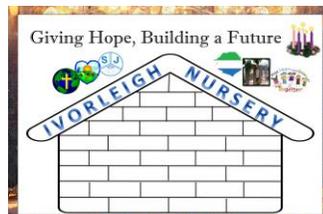
Nursery Nativity

Furthermore, our Nursery Nativity will also be broadcast live on the school website on Thursday 17th December. Parents of the Nursery children will be sent the log in details to access the Nativity page on Thursday 17th December.

Advent Project

Thank you all for your generous contributions to our school Advent Project this year. It gives us great pleasure to announce that our school community has raised £610.82 to date to donate to our sister school, The Ivor Leigh Memorial School in Sierra Leone, to help fund the construction of their new Nursery building.

This year, the theme of our whole school Advent project was 'Giving Hope, Building a Future', an idea inspired by our School Council. On behalf of all the staff and children of the Ivor Leigh Memorial School we wish to extend a massive thank you, your contributions will certainly aid the staff of the Ivor Leigh Memorial School to build a better future for the young people under their care.



Uniform

All children should be wearing the full winter school uniform including:

Girls:

- Blue Shirt
- School Tie
- Navy Skirt/pinafore/culottes
- Navy Cardigan
- Black Shoes (not trainers)
- Navy Tights/Socks
- Navy School Jacket
- Navy School Winter Hat
- Navy scarf and gloves

Boys:

- Blue Shirt
- School Tie
- Grey Trousers
- Grey Jumper
- Black Shoes (not trainers)
- Grey Socks
- Navy School Jacket
- School Winter Hat
- Navy scarf and gloves



You may wish to put a small badge on your child's coat to help them identify this, if they are unable to read their name at present. Please remember that all accessories during the colder weather – hats, scarves and gloves – should be navy blue in accordance with our school uniform policy.

Uniform may be purchased online at: <https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/st-josephs-014b-r-c-primary-school-20988> by following the link on the school website.

2021 School Calendar

Our school calendar for 2021 is on sale now. A school calendar makes a great family gift and also contains all the key school dates during 2021. We are selling these for only £6.50. Calendars can be purchased by completing the PTA order form and sending the money into school with your child enclosed in a school money pocket. Your calendar will be sent home with your child.



Gift a Brick

This Christmas we are supporting our local Parish, The Most Holy Trinity Church Dockhead, in their mission to build a new parish centre.

For £5, you can support this wonderful campaign. You will also be given a gift card that can be given as a Christmas present which states that, on the recipient's behalf, a brick has been purchased for this project.

Please send your donations into school enclosed in a school money pocket. As always, your generosity is much appreciated.



Holiday Homework

Your child has been set homework for over the holiday period. This homework has been set by their class teacher in order to consolidate their learning from the Autumn Term. All homework this Christmas has been set via 'Google Drive'. You have been sent a detailed explanation of how to access and support your child with their homework over Christmas via 'Parent Mail'.

Absences

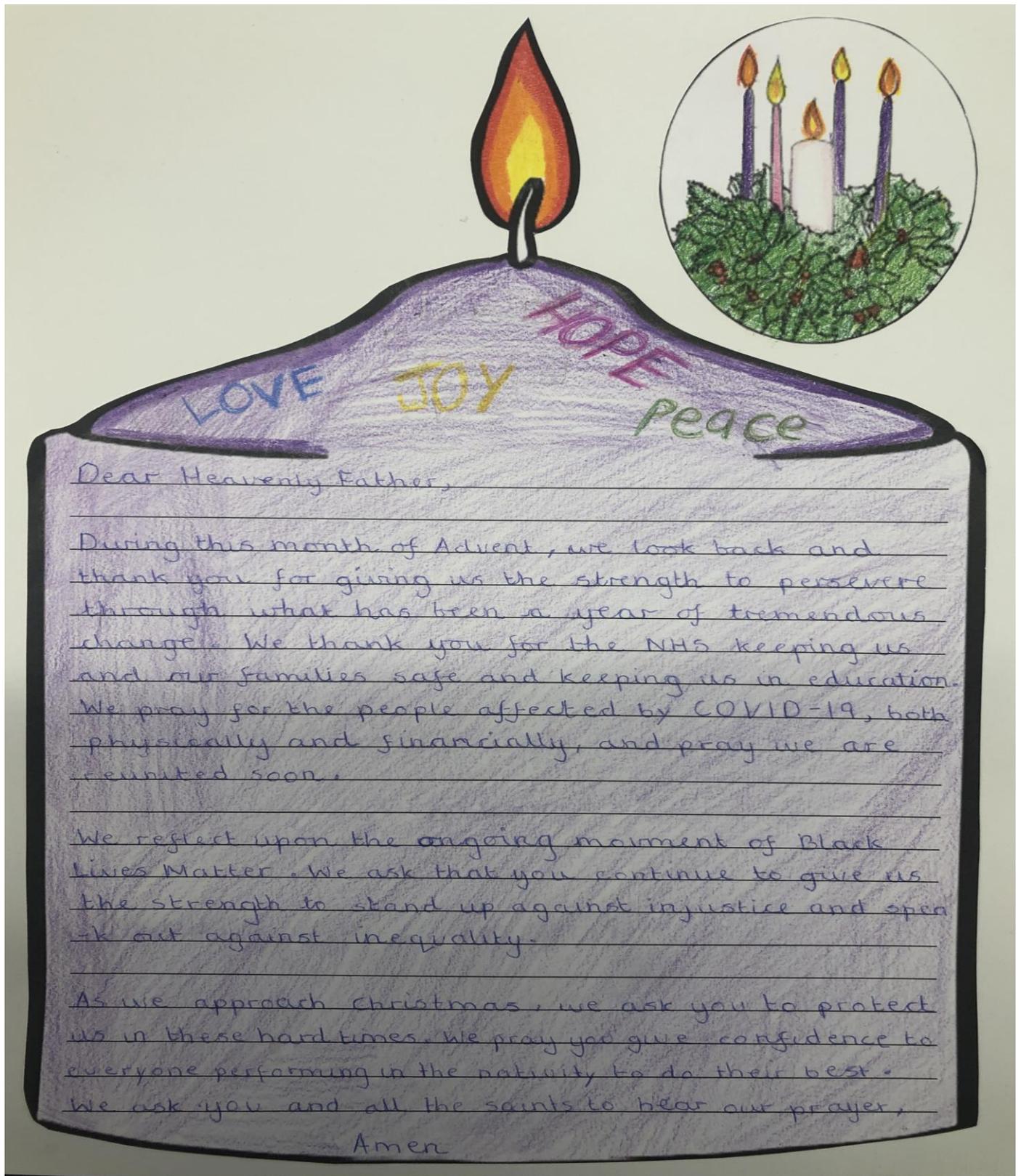
Please remember to contact the school on the first day of your child's absence and then subsequently for each day s/he is absent. On their return to school, please ensure you have sent in a note explaining the reason for the absence. The note needs to be addressed to the class teacher. Please ensure that all holidays are booked within the school holiday periods – refer to term dates on the website.

Parent Mail

Please check your 'Parent Mail' app regularly for updates and correspondence from the school.



Prayer of the Month: December



- Written by Fisher Class

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Byrne or Mr Hoyes by appointment through the school office.