



SJRC News



Friday 8th December 2023

To The St. Joseph's Family,

Another action-packed week comes to a close at St. Joseph's as we come ever closer to the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. We began the week considering Our Lady's role as the first "witness" to Jesus and how we should follow her example of love and care as we continue the advent season. The children, staff and wider community have continued to spread that Christmas message through the many events of the week, alongside the learning going on around the school.

Mr Coffey

(Headteacher)



St. Joseph's World Tour of South London

On Tuesday, Year 3 started the world tour of South London. They did a fantastic job carolling outside Blue Anchor Library! They sang beautifully and were very confident for their first performance in public.

On Wednesday, Campion class excelled as they went carolling at Tesco, Surrey Quays. They knew all the songs and made St. Joseph's very proud, with their angelic singing and wonderful behaviour.

The total is still to be counted, but we have raised at least £150 for the school, due to the children's hard work.

We are looking forward to further carolling gigs happening next week.



St. Joseph's World Tour of South London

St. Joseph's children had the honour of singing at the chapel of Guys and St. Thomas' hospital, performing for the staff and families of the NHS Trust at their Advent service. Their performance in such a beautiful venue was impeccable, with Mr Dixon and Mrs Watchorn leading the children in a wide variety of seasonal hymns. In a touching link to our memorial service at St. George's Cathedral, members of the congregation were invited to attach a bauble with a note of remembrance inside during the service, a reminder of how important it is to remember those we have lost, particularly at Christmas. Our thanks to the staff of Guys and St. Thomas' hospital for making such a wonderful experience possible for the children, and of course to the children themselves who, in the words of one attendee from the hospital "made the entire evening magical".



Carols in the Playground!

Thank you to all that attended and supported the Carols in the Playground event this afternoon. KS2 children put us in the Christmas spirit with their wonderful singing. Thank you to everyone who brought raffle tickets or gave prizes as a contribution! We are thankful to our fantastic staff and parent community. Well done to all those who won prizes! All money raised is going to the school.

Nativity

A huge congratulations to the children of EYFS and KS1 who performed this year's nativity, "The Donkeys Tale" so wonderfully to the parents of the children in Reception. It is clear from their superb singing, acting and dancing that we have many future West End stars in our ranks! The parents (quite rightly) raised the roof at the end of the performance (and throughout for that matter), clearly acknowledging the children as the pride of the school this week. It was also wonderful to be joined by both Canon Alan and many of the Sisters of Mercy as our guests of honour, with 5-star reviews all around! Our thanks particularly to all of the staff of the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes who have worked with such dedication to support the children in learning and presenting this important element of the Christmas message.





Coming up!

Carol Singing

If your child is in KS2 and has been given a permission slip for carolling, please ensure permission slips have been returned. you would like to support the children, here are the confirmed dates so far:

Fisher Class Carol Singing – Wednesday 13th December: 8am—9am (Bermondsey Tube Station) – Please arrive at school at 7:55am.

Dempsey Class Carol Singing—Wednesday 13th December: 12:00—12:30pm (Most Holy Trinity Church, Dockhead)

Year 4 Carol Singing – Friday 15th December: 12:15—1:00pm (Blue Anchor Library) –
Please note the date change

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.



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

Monday 11th December —Nativity Performance (KS1 Parents / Carers) **Doors open at 1:30pm. See the letter sent on ParentMail for further details.**

Tuesday 12th December —*Nursery* Nativity Performance **Doors open at 1:45pm.**

Thursday 14th December —Key Stage 2 Advent Carol Service **2pm, Most Holy Trinity, Dockhead.**

Friday 15th December —Choir Performance **9:45am or 10:10am, Upper Hall.**

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 yesterday)**

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

Dates for
your diary

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!***

Victoria—Dempsey Class

Ashley—Fisher Class

Adrian—Peter Class

Duchess—Baptist 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;

Sarem for learning her prayers in **Nursery Class**.

Penny-Lou for trying hard to blend when reading and using her phonics when writing in **Peter Class**!

Cody for consistently setting a good example to his peers in **John Paul Class**.

Megan in **Elizabeth Class** for showing great effort in her Maths work.

Morire in **Baptist Class** for being helpful in class and ensuring he follows the class rules!
Well done, Morire!

Frema in **Jerome Class** for always continuing her learning at home. She always brings in creative things from home that make Miss Warner proud!

Kamso in **McAuley Class** for his continuous effort and determination when completing his work. He never gives up!

Isaiah for being very helpful in **Felton Class**.

Emilie in **Joseph Class** for trying hard in her English this week. She has produced a fantastic story. Also for her helpfulness and working well with others, whilst fulfilling her monitor role and **Martin** in **Joseph Class** for always working hard, particularly during assessments. He has also shown how well he works with others! Well done!

Louie in **Campion Class** for putting in considerable effort during learning time.

Keduse in **Dempsey Class** for his contribution to class discussions and willingness to help others!

Marilyn in **Fisher Class** for being focused in her learning and asking great questions to clarify her learning. **Francesca** for being polite, respectful and positive in **Fisher Class**.

We are very proud of you all!

LAST WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS

MERCY

36,860 POINTS

HOPE

39,892 POINTS

FAITH

45,789 POINTS

PEACE

30,998 POINTS

"THANK GOD FOR HIS GIFTS THAT WORDS CANNOT DESCRIBE."

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