



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Jesus said: 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'.

8th December 2023

Dear Pupils, Staff, Parents and Governors,

As we approach our week of **Carol Concerts and Nativity Plays**, children across the school have been rehearsing lines, songs and actions ready for performances. Please see below for times and dates.

Wednesday 13th December, 9:30 Nursery and Reception performance in the **school hall**
Wednesday 13th December Key Stage 2, Children should arrive at Our Lady's Church at **5:45pm** in preparation for 6:00pm start. Parents are invited to stay for refreshments after the concert.

Thursday 14th December, 9:30, Years 1 and 2 Nativity in the school hall.
As in previous years, we will be collecting for St John's Hospice at these performances.

Winter Gala Update. An amazing figure of nearly £10,000 was raised. Thank you to all for your participation. Thanks to all Reception parents, and especially Alice, Natalia, Monica, Edna, Laura, Corina, Lorenza, Monica, Anna, Olga, Plami, Federico, and Stella. Big thank you to everyone **on SJSA, in particular Rob** for coordinating the bar team". **Alcohol for this event was kindly sponsored by Flannery Plant Hire**, which made our event even more successful. The money raised will go towards our school and enhancing our curriculum offer.

If you missed the chance to buy the children's Christmas decorations at the Winter Gala do not worry! **The decorations will be sold ahead of the nativity plays next Wednesday (nursery and reception) and next Thursday (year 1 and year 2).** In addition, all decorations painted by children in all year classes (nursery to year 6) will be sold at drop off on Friday next week. Cost, £5 per decoration.

Please note, Booster Classes have finished for the term and will resume upon our return, week commencing 8th January 2024.

Our Caretaker, Steve has decided to retire at Christmas. Steve has worked for us for over 14 years and we shall miss him greatly. We will be holding an assembly to say thanks for all of the work Steve has done for us over the years. **Please join us on Tuesday 19th December at 9:10 if you can.**

Please note school finishes on Thursday 21st December at 1:30pm. There have been many requests for children to take additional time off over the Christmas break, as a school we do not authorize holiday in term time unless exceptional circumstances. Our colleagues at Westminster Children's Services duly support us in our endeavor for all children to attend school all of the time. **Children return to school on Monday 8th January 2023.**

With best wishes,

Mr Kevin Bowles

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

Wednesday 13th

EYFS Nativity @ 9:30am

Y6 visiting Leonora House to sing Carols

Multi-Faith Chanukkah Celebration @ The Liberal Jewish Synagogue some Y4 attending

KS2 Carol Service 6pm (children arrive 5:45pm) @ Church of Our Lady's – refreshments in church hall post service.

Thursday 14th

KS1 Nativity @ 9:30am

Monday 18th

The Littlest Christmas Elf workshop - EYFS

Y6 visiting Winter Wonderland.

Tuesday 19th

School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th

Class Christmas parties & Christmas jumper day.

Thursday 21st

School ends **1:30pm**