

December 2014

The season of Advent is truly thriving at St Joseph's. The Christmas preparations and decorations are in abundance and the children are very much looking forward to breaking up enjoying the Christmas holiday. The Infant Christmas nativities on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December were truly joyous and up lifting, they conveyed the true message of the Nativity. Our junior children will be presenting a Christmas service with beautiful singing, readings and reflections. Please remember that Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> is Christmas dinner day and children can come to school in their home clothes. This year for the first year the Nursery children will be having a Christmas dinner too.

### Inspection of St Joseph's Infant and Nursery School

As you will know the Infant and Nursery School was inspected by OFSTED on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We can't discuss the outcome as yet, the report will be finalised in the New Year. We were incredibly proud of the children and inspectors made a point of saying how smart the children looked and how well behaved they were. I look forward to sharing the full report with you in January 2015.

### Farewell

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Buskell at the end of the term. We are very sad to see Mrs Buskell go and would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment during her time at St Joseph's. I wish her all the very best for the future.

### Welcome back

To Mrs Howell who has returned from maternity leave this week. Mrs Howell will be based in year 4 until a full time permanent teacher is appointed. It is good to have Mrs Howell back, albeit for a short period.

### Parent and pupil questionnaire

We have carried out a pupil and parental survey over the last few weeks. I have included the results from the junior parental survey. The other information will be provided in the New Year. We are always keen to see the views of stakeholders and look to how we can continue to improve our schools. Thank you for your corporation with this activity.

### Parking safely before and after school

This still remains an area of great concern and distress. The photographs I have been shown at the end of last week were quite shocking. I have passed those photographs onto our local police. We can't realistically police the gate and should rely on Christian people to do the right thing in terms of keeping children safe. I need to see improvements with parking immediately.

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## Team points

### Up to the end of the autumn term:

St Catherine , the red team : 622

St Sebastian , the blue team : 773

St Cecilia, the yellow team : 581

St Francis , the green team : 544

## PTA

Thank you to the PTA for organising the annual Christmas fair on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. It was a very happy event and well supported. Father Christmas and his elf were kept very busy! Thank you to those who supported the event and were able to offer their help.

**The PTA will be providing a visit from Father Christmas and junior discos on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure you have sent in a £1 donation to help with costs.**

## Admissions: Reception Class September 2015

The Governors are still accepting applications for Reception 2015 and Nursery 2015. We have already held admissions meetings and open mornings however we are happy to arrange tours of the school on request. To be considered for admission to Reception at St Joseph's; parents must complete a Croydon form and a St Joseph's Supplementary Form. If you do not live in Croydon you must fill in a Common Application Form (CAF) FOR YOUR HOME Local Authority. Application forms and admissions documentation are available at the Infant School office on request.

Thank you for the many gifts and good wishes we have received, we sincerely thank the whole school community for your support of the school this term. We look forward to the New Year and wish you and your families and very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.



With every good wish,

Tammy Lawlor and staff

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# Newsletter

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