

## Prayer for Families

Loving God,  
During this holy season of Christmas,  
we ask for your blessing on all  
families.  
Let Mary's openness to your  
wondrous ways be an inspiration  
to place all trust in you.  
Let Joseph's courage provide hope  
during times of anxiety and  
uncertainty.  
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with  
a spirit of light and love.  
May the grace that encircled the  
Holy Family widen to embrace all  
families.  
For this we pray.  
Amen.

**21st December 2018**

*Dear Parents & Friends*

*It's been a wonderful term packed with school trips, sporting events and many other educational activities. Children throughout the school have presented the Christmas story through Nativity plays in the early years and Key stage 1 and a beautiful reflective Nativity service in Virgo Fidelis Church, led by children in key stage 2. Thank you to everyone who attended the plays and services, I know you will agree that the children participated with enthusiasm and reminded us of the true meaning and importance of Christmas.*

*It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the Autumn term and are already a third of the way through this school year. Congratulations to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance this term, a fantastic achievement! Let's work together to try and increase our overall attendance and aim for 100% for all.*

*Please remind your child to bring their PE kit home before the end of term. School closes on Friday, 21st December at 2.00 p.m. and will reopen on Tuesday, 8th January 2019. Do continue to encourage your child to read regularly over the holiday period and complete homework tasks set. The spring term is shorter and the expectations for children will continue to be high to enable them to be successful learners. Our children thrive on being challenged and this is clear from their comments and work. So I look forward to next year and all that we will achieve together. I look forward to welcoming back Mrs Carter (Assistant Head) from maternity leave, she will be teaching Class J with Mrs Stylianou as from January.*

*On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your prayers, gifts and good wishes, we appreciate your kindness and most of all the time you take to say a simple thank you. We are very fortunate to have a committed staff who continually place the children at the centre of all that they do. In challenging times our strength lies in supporting each other and working together as a strong community of staff, pupils, parents and governors. Have a wonderful Christmas with many happy moments to share with family and friends and if you are travelling, have a safe journey and I look forward to seeing you in January 2019!*

**Mrs Fernandes – Headteacher**

# WE LEARN TO LOVE, WE LOVE TO LEARN





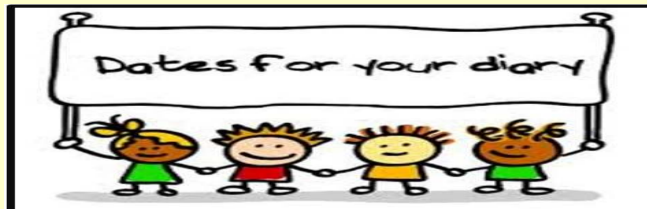
## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

*We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality.*

*Remember classroom doors are open at 8.45 a.m., so please ensure your child is in on time to make the most of early morning work.*

### **C LASSES WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

*Infant school - Class O  
Junior school - 6B*



### Extended learning

Theatre workshops	Cinema trips
Visits to Parliament	Maths workshops
Sporting competitions & workshops	
Planting trees in the local community	
Shoe Box Appeal	Anti-bullying week
International week	Debating project
Harvest & Advent services	
Choir singing in the community (please listen to the Choir singing the creed on the music page on our website)	
Christmas Fair	School disco and parties

**Please refer to the school website for regular updates and do visit the gallery which has up to date pictures on events**  
[www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk)

**21.12.18 — END OF TERM (2.00 P.M.)  
INSET DAY: 7TH JANUARY 2019**

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL  
8TH JANUARY 2019**

**1st Half of Spring Term  
INSET DAY – 7 TH JANUARY 2018**

*Y5 Science Museum Y6 Harry Potter outing  
21.01.19 - STEM WEEK  
22.01.19 – Swimming gala  
25.01.19 - Relish food day – Y4 Roman link  
04.02.19 – Children’s mental health week*

Class	% Attendance 03/09/18 – 19/12/18
RP	96%
RH	94%
1E	94%
1S	94%
2O	97%
2J	95%
3LJ	93%
3G	96%
4H	95%
4K	97%
5LJ	97%
5P	97%
6M	97%
6B	99%

