



Friends of St. Joseph's

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Welcome to the Friends of St. Joseph's Christmas Update!

2020 maybe be forecasting a Christmas season which will be very much different to festivities past, but while the school Nativity Plays and Christmas Carol Services will undoubtedly be missed by us all, the Friends of St Josephs PTA have worked alongside the school to bring some Christmas cheer to end our children's year with planned activities which fit safely within the governments current Covid-19 guidelines.

MUFTI DAY- FRIDAY 4TH OF DECEMBER

The PTA have arranged a Mufti Day to help raise money for the Christmas Festivities. We invite all children to wear mufti (non school uniform) to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. For this we suggest a minimum donation of **£1**. The donation can be brought into school at any time between 30th November and 4th December.

KINDNESS WEEK- BEGINS 7TH DECEMBER

To give something back to community the PTA have agreed to support a local Care home with Secret Santa Gifts. **Children are invited to bring in a small unused gift, card or handwritten prayer for an elderly person throughout the week.** Additionally to this we invite school families to pass on any good condition, clean, **Christmas jumpers** that may no longer fit, which we can pass on to children who may not have one.

FESTIVE FUN- BEGINS 14TH DECEMBER

MONDAY 14TH DEC - WE HAVE AGREED FOR A SPECIAL GUEST TO VISIT THE SCHOOL, WHO COULD THAT BE, WE WONDER?

During school hours the children will be taking part in a 'Find Joe the Bear' hunt. A teddy bear will be hidden around the school and each day the children will be given a riddle to help find this cheeky Christmas critter.

Also this week the PTA will be delivering party treats for the children to enjoy while watching an afternoon movie, they'll enjoy class parties and be reaching a small Christmas gift from the PTA.

This year the PTA has struggled to raise funds through our normal activities due to the restrictions surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic. We appreciate all donations made during these tough times. We suggest a minimum donation of **£1**, please consider a more generous donation if you are able to. If you are not in the position to donate we encourage your child to still participate in mufti day.

If your family need any extra support during this time please reach out to the school.



Dear God,

We give thanks for this time when we can all be together. We give thanks for our teachers and our school community. We give thanks for this joyful holiday when we can celebrate the birth of our Saviour and his love for us. With joy we pray,
Amen.



Infant Playground!

You may have noticed some busy workmen in the infant playground last week. And we are excited to announce that a new Play area is being erected for the children, with a huge donation of funding from the money you helped raise for the PTA over previous years.

THANK YOU

Letters To Santa

The children will be receiving a template to take home on which they can write a letter to the man himself, Father Christmas. Letters can be posted in the special box between the **7th and 9th of December.**

4TH DECEMBER

Mufti day. Please send your child into school in their own clothes!



Suggested donation £1

7TH DECEMBER

Kindness Week- This week we remind the children of the spirit of Christmas and encourage them to give something back to our local community.

14TH DECEMBER

Festive Fun- This week is all about the joy of Christmas. We have a bear hunt, parties, a film afternoon, a little gift and a visit from a special guest!

