

# St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish Newsletter



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Autumn Term  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014

## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - last session of football club. The last week for all the other after school clubs will be week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December Y4 Maritime Concert. Rainbow assembly. NO IRISH DANCING UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS.  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - last of swimming sessions for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 until after Christmas.  
2pm-3pm Steel Band Christmas Concert in St Joseph's Church.  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - School Nursing Team height and weight Y6 and Reception. 10.50am cello/violin Christmas concert Y4 and Y5.  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December X-Mas Factor 9:00am  
Pantomime in School - Cinderella £2.00 donation please. Own Clothes Day dress up in favourite book character, pantomime or own clothes.  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Infant Nativity in school hall at 2pm.  
Junior Carol Concert in St Joseph's Church at 3.30pm.  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch for pupils.  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - some members of choir to sing at Waldorf Hotel.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Break-up for Christmas at 2pm. All children to be picked up on time please.**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - pupils return to school at 8.50am.  
**Please let the office know if you are not getting your text messages.**

## GOSPEL

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday B Advent

John said:

"Prepare a way for Jesus, get yourselves straight, say sorry for your sins."



On the first Sunday of Advent the first candle of the Advent wreath is lit. The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches which represent eternity. The candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of his son, Jesus. One candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent and each candle has a special meaning.

The candle of Peace

As we light this candle we celebrate the peace we find Jesus Christ.

**Attendance**  
**Week ending 28th Nov 2014**  
**Congratulations Year 3 97.8%**

2<sup>nd</sup> Y6 97.6%

3<sup>rd</sup> Y5 96.5%

4<sup>th</sup> Y1 96.4%

5<sup>th</sup> Y4 95.0%

6<sup>th</sup> Y2 91.7%

7<sup>th</sup> YR 91.2%

First Holy Communion Preparation  
St Joseph's Church

The programme will run after the 10 am Mass from Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available from this week at St Joseph's school and they should be returned by January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will need a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. Please speak to Fr Kevin or Sr Mary if there is a problem.

# Rainbow bench



Rainbow Assembly will be held on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

## Macbeth and Richard III

Parents can purchase a copy of the plays recorded on DVD in the school hall. Please order a copy through the school office and the purchase price is £10.00.

- The school gate opens at 8:30am. Children can go in to class at 8:40. Children must be collected at 3:15pm unless they attend after school clubs.
- If there are any concerns regarding school please make an appointment to see the class teacher.

Please can all outstanding lunch money and after school club be paid by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. All after school payments must be paid regularly at the beginning of each half term. Thank you.

### Advent Charity Appeal Christmas Collection

As we approach the season of Advent, we look forward to our Annual Charity Appeal and once again our emphasis is on community, both local and global. We have decided this year to support Greenwich & Bexley Hospice and the Ebola Crisis in Africa. We will be having a collection after the Infant Nativity and the Junior Carol Concert and hope you will give generously to these worthy causes. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents who supported and gave generously to our Christmas Fete. All proceeds will go to our school fund for the benefit of St Joseph's pupils.

Year 3 are currently working with an animation team to produce a video about the importance of growing your own food. We have been making figures and then using flip cams to create the animation. The class have worked extremely hard to produce some wonderful videos. We hope to have it finished by spring next year! As part of a class project we have also created some beautiful mosaic flowers that will be on display in the junior playground from next week.

