

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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Although there are some aspects of Christmas that we've sadly been unable to share in person with families this year, the staff have worked hard to ensure that Christmas still felt like a special time of year for our children – not only did we all have a fantastic Christmas dinner and dress-up day, Santa was thankfully free to make a last-minute visit to all classes on Monday, the Secret Gift Room was opened for trade and children were able to receive their Christmas cards from each other and books from the staff. Plus the annual raffle was drawn – don't forget to check to see if you're a winner! Christmas Nativity recordings will be shared by text – we're sure you'll enjoy these and thank Mr Puszyk & Mr Spalding for editing these together so beautifully.



Although challenging at times, it's been a successful term at St Joseph's as all our children returned to school to a full curriculum offer and without the need to close any bubbles, resulting in consistency for the children in our care. I want to thank all the staff who have worked incredibly hard - as always - to support our children and their families and ensured a sense of normality and stability in these uncertain times.

Thanks also go to our parents, carers, governors and the wider school community for all your support - it really does keep us going and is very much appreciated. We feel very lucky.

As we finish up for the Christmas break, I want to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

Mrs Keogh – Head of School



Santa's Visit

[Link to a Christmas message from Archbishop John Wilson to all pupils, staff and governors](#)



Thursday 17th December

-End of Day Arrangements-

Children will be dismissed as usual from the Conley Street gate for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2; and from the main gate in Commerell Street for Years 3-6.

	Early finish	Usual finish
Reception	14.00	15.30
Year 1	13.40	15.10
Year 2	13.50	15.20
Year 3	13.30	15.00
Year 4	13.40	15.10
Year 5	13.50	15.20
Year 6	14.00	15.30

If you have children in different year groups they can be collected together at the later finishing time. Children in Y5 and Y6 who usually walk home alone, who cannot be collected at the earlier time, will be able to leave school alone at their normal finish time (Y5 15.20 and Y6 15:30).

If you are unable to collect your child at the earlier time you may still pick up your child/children at their usual finish time.

All children return to school on Monday 4th January 2021 (usual times).

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – Thursday 24th December

Our Ladye Star of the Sea - 5.00pm & 11.00pm for 11.30pm
St Joseph's - 7.00pm

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December

10.00am at Joseph's
11.00am at Our Ladye Star of the Sea

Boxing Day Saturday 26th December

6.00pm at Our Ladye Star of the Sea

Holy Family - Sunday 27th December

10.00am at St Joseph's
11.00am at Our Ladye Star of the Sea

Don't forget to register online to reserve a place at a Christmas Mass. (limited seating due to covid etc). Click this link:

greenwichcatholic.eventbrite.com (5.00pm Christmas Eve is full).



Gospel

4th Sunday of Advent



In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!" Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!" Mary said to the angel, "I am a virgin. How, then, can this be?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God. Remember your relative Elizabeth. It is said that she cannot have children, but she herself is now six months pregnant, even though she is very old. For there is nothing that God cannot do." "I am the Lord's servant," said Mary; "may it happen to me as you have said." And the angel left her.

Attendance

The whole school achieved 98.2% attendance last week.

Keeping attendance above 95% allows the pupils to achieve their potential.

Year 5 - 100%

It is our school aim for pupils to achieve 100% attendance or as close as possible. Evidence shows strong attendance directly links to a child achieving their full potential. Through working together, we can ensure that your child receives a full-time education, through regular and structured attendance.



Christmas Raffle

The winning numbers to check are green ticket numbers 662 and 766.

Pink ticket numbers 860 and 696.

Please contact the school office if you have won!

Primary School Admissions

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2021, you need to apply for a primary school place. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2021**. St Joseph's supplementary forms can be downloaded from the school website. Parents/carers who already have children attending St Joseph's must also complete a supplementary form if siblings are due to start school in September 2021. Applications should also be made through the Royal Greenwich Borough website the easiest way to apply is through the eAdmissions portal.



**Shanaiah – Year 5, Yeshua – Reception, Aishnavi – Year 1, Abu – Year 2, Jamil – Year 4,
Sola – Reception, Piero – Year 4, Kaiden – Year 1, Isabella – Year 1,**

Ms Harvey and Mrs Mortlock

TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 7

If you refused the nasal flu vaccination for your child due to the porcine gelatine content we are now able to offer an alternative injectable vaccine which does not contain this.

This will be administered at our clinics only and not within school.

If you are interested and would like more information or would like to book an appointment please call the immunisation team on

0208 320 5741/42/21.

Clinics will be held on

**Tuesday 22nd December 2020 at Lee Green Fire Station SE12 8ES
from 10.00am to 2.00pm**

**Wednesday 30th December 2020 at Waverley Scouts Hall Plumstead
SE18 7QT from 10.00am to 2.00 pm**

PROTECT YOUR CHILD, PROTECT YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

Protecting your child can stop flu spreading and infecting those around them who maybe more vulnerable.

Oxleas NHS Immunisation Team can be contacted by email at

oxl-tr.immunisations@nhs.net

For more information on the flu vaccination programme please go to www.oxleas.nhs.uk/immunisation also www.nhs.uk/child-flu