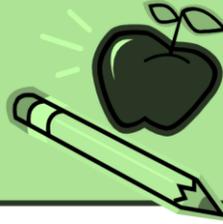




Newsletter



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14th December 2018

St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter This week's festivities

This week our fantastic Prep children have entertained family and friends with their amazing carols and instrumental recitals. They have wowed us with their talents and I am sure you watched them with pride. We certainly did!

The refreshments and home-made mince pies seemed to go down a treat, and it was wonderful seeing the look of delight on our parents' faces as they entered the dining room.

We all also enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Dressed in the 'Christmas finest', the children ate a huge turkey dinner, followed by chocolate log and ice-cream. They had Christmas crackers, Christmas music and lots of fun.

Our week of festivities finished off today with the children enjoying the Pantomime, 'Aladdin'.

I would like to thank you for your generous donations given to this year's chosen charity, Haven House Children's Hospice. I will report on the total amount of money received when we return in the New Year.



I look forward to seeing many of our Preps at OLOL church on Sunday evening. Mass commences at 6.30pm, followed by the Carol Service at 7.30pm.

The Giving Machine

Today all children have been given a bookmark. Please remember to sign up and use the Giving Machine for your Christmas shopping. It is easy to do and raises money for the school. Thank you.

I am delighted to announce that our new school website is now 'alive and kicking'. Please visit www.stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk Under the 'News & Events' section, you will see many photographs and information about our recent events. I hope you enjoy browsing the site!



Mission Statement

We are a Mercy School
We live and work together,
as Jesus taught us,
spreading his loving friendship
to everyone we meet

Library Books and Reading Records

All library books and reading books will be kept in school over the Christmas holiday period.

PE kits have been sent home this week for washing and returning in the New Year.

Important Request

I would like to remind parents that any requests for holidays during term time are strongly discouraged. In exceptional circumstances, the office requires at least one week's notice for administration purposes.

Similarly, if medical appointments are made during the school day please can you provide the details of the appointment to the school office so that it can be recorded appropriately on your daughter's attendance file. Thank you for your co-operation.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of our first term. It has been extremely busy and very fruitful. The concerts have been a highlight and everyone has worked as a team to produce such high quality performances. Mr. Nicholson was delighted to be in attendance at the Prep performance and was extremely impressed. He is looking forward immensely to working with us as a school and I am delighted to welcome him onto the Governing Body.

I would also like to express my thanks on behalf of myself and the staff for all your good wishes and very generous gifts. We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

Mrs Birtles

This Week's Attendance

Nursery	95%
Infants 1	100%
Infants 2	97%
Infants 3	87%
Prep 1	92%
Prep 2	88%
Prep 3	97%
Prep 4	86%

Reminders

- We return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.
- Before and After school club will be available this week, however extra-curricular clubs will not start until week commencing Monday 14th January (this excludes LAMDA workshop which commences Friday 11th January)
- Our next Merit Assembly will take place on Friday 11th January at 9.10am
- Our next Open Day is taking place on Tuesday 15th January 2019, if you are aware of anybody who wishes to join our lovely school.
- Swimming lessons resume on Thursday 17th January 2019.

Blessing

May the *wonder* of God's love
The *joy* of the angels
The *amazement* of the shepherds
The *seeking* of the Kings
The *prayers* of Mary be with us all
and those we love this Christmas.