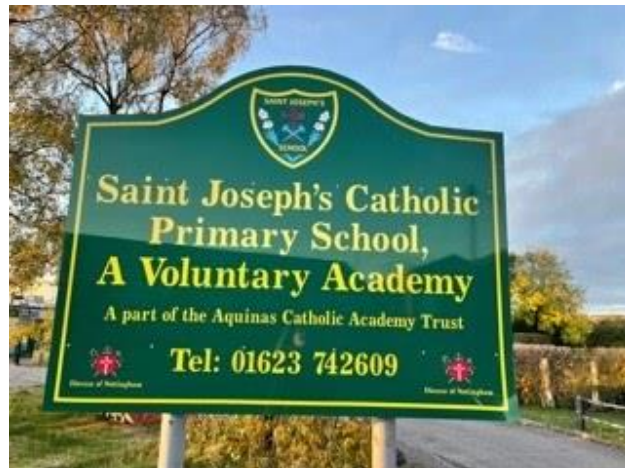




Friday 3rd December

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

## NEWSLETTER



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## **Nativity Performances**



Congratulations to children in Year 1 and Year 2 who had their first performance of their Nativity Play this week. Well done children, we were all very proud of you for the beautiful way in which you told this most special story.

We continue our performances next week as follows:

### **Nursery and Reception**

Monday 6th December at 2:00pm

Wednesday 8th December 10:00am

### **KS1**

Tuesday 7th December at 6:00pm

Thursday 9th December at 6:00pm

Children in Year 1 and 2 should return to school by 5:30pm ready for the performance at 6:00pm

The KS2 Carol Service takes place on Friday 17th December at 2:00pm. Please note that this year, you will need to book a seat as places are restricted due to COVID protocols, therefore places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Since the Government announced additional measures to restrict the spread of the new variant, we ask that you do wear a face covering when attending our performances. We do reserve the right to move all performances to online performances, should we have to implement our outbreak management plan as a result of an outbreak of COVID in school

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*Christmas dinner and jumper day next Wednesday, 8th December. Children can come in non-uniform wearing a Christmas Jumper.*

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## **Supporting children's well being**

Mrs Webster, our mental health first aider, would like to signpost parents to a number of resources which you may find useful in supporting your child's well-being during these times.

NottAlone is a new website sharing local mental health advice and help for young people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, all in one place. If you are a young person, a parent or carer or a professional who supports young people's mental health, NottAlone can provide you with information, advice and where to go to get help locally.

[nottalone.org.uk](http://nottalone.org.uk)

@NottAlone1 on twitter

Other children's mental health charities:

[Youngminds.org.uk](http://Youngminds.org.uk)

[Parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk](http://Parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk)

## Attendance



Attendance remains a concern currently. Mrs Seaman and Mrs Fearn will continue to meet with Parents when children are in danger of becoming a persistent absentee. However, we are very proud of the number of children who have between 97% and 100% attendance this term and this needs to be celebrated. On 15th December, all children who have attendance of 97% and above will have a special non-uniform day in school as a reward and those who have 100% attendance will have a special movie afternoon reward. Those children concerned will receive an invitation for this reward. We will operate this each term, with the next reward being before the Easter break. This reward is based on 97% -100% attendance across a term, not the year as a whole, therefore if your child's attendance does not fit within this band, they will have a fresh opportunity in January.

## Anti-bullying survey

Mrs Chawner and Miss Smith would like to offer their sincere thanks to everyone who has returned the anti-bullying survey and are now able to provide feedback to Parents. The response from Parents was extremely positive with everyone identifying that their children are happy and safe at school. It is clear that Parents feel that all children are welcomed and treated equally irrespective of background. Another key positive identified by parents was that school is extremely inclusive of parents and carers from all ages, religions and ethnicities. It was wonderful to see that Parents feel listened to by school and that any concerns are addressed effectively and that communication is strong. This has been invaluable feedback to support us on the work we are doing to further strengthen all the work we do here at St. Joseph's. Once again, thank you to all who have contributed.

## Access to school

Our new gate system will be fully operational from next week. From Monday, all children and parents entering school in the morning and evening, should do so via the pedestrian gate from Langwith Road. The main carpark gates will not be open at these times. The Pedestrian gates will be open between the following times:

7:15am - 9:00am and 3:20pm - 6:00pm

At all other times, the gates will remain closed. If you need to gain entry at other times in the school day, then please press the intercom to speak to the Office.

## Word of the Week



The Word of the week this week is Faith. Year 1 have created the film this week, which will be available to view on Sunday morning on our YouTube channel and our Twitter feed. Please do watch the video alongside your children and take the opportunity to reflect together.

## Awards Assembly



*1 - Awards assembly takes place on Friday 10th December. In light of the current Government restrictions and our desire to ensure the health and safety of children, families and staff, we have made the decision to separate the awards for Reception, Y1 and 2 (KS1) from Years 3 - 6 (KS2). Therefore the KS1 awards will take place at 1:45pm and KS2 at 2:45pm. In order to further limit the number of adults in school at any one time, we will invite only those parents whose children will be receiving an award. You will be contacted via ParentPay by the end of the day on Wednesday, if your child is receiving an award. We would ask that you keep this as a surprise for your child.*

## Parish News

A reminder that seats at Mass are limited and therefore you need to book a seat by accessing the website for St. Philip's Parish Website.