



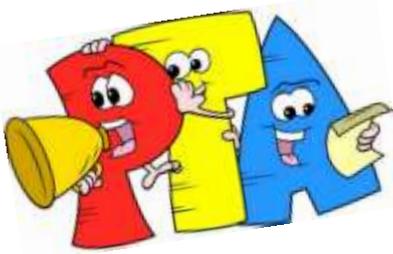
# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

*Truth, Love, Compassion*

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*Newsletter: Autumn Term: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018*



**Calling all parents and grandparents...  
Our next meeting is:  
Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in school.  
Please join us!**

## When a Child is Born - Gianna Project

If you have any baby items that you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please leave them under the Christmas tree in the hall. You can donate items such as nappies, blankets, bottles, toiletries, clothes, toys etc. Items do not need to be new, just in good condition. All of these things will be distributed to young mothers, asylum seekers and refugees throughout our community who are living in quite difficult circumstances.

THE SECRET OF  
HAPPINESS IS TO LIVE  
MOMENT BY MOMENT  
AND TO THANK GOD FOR  
ALL THAT HE, IN HIS  
GOODNESS, SENDS  
TO US DAY AFTER DAY.  
ST. GIANNA



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## Christingle

Following on from the letter that was sent out at the beginning of this week, please remember to send your child to school with an orange on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. All children will be making their very own Christingles in school that day. On Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, the Christingles will be used during our Christingle Service at 3pm, to which you are all warmly invited.

## Community Spirit

As part of our work within the community, our children in Years 5 and 6 will be singing a range of festive carols and hymns at Rivers Sheltered Accommodation on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, then at the Pastures on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December



## Cinema Nights

We will be holding our cinema nights very shortly, where children will be treated to a festive film, a hot dog and a drink, all for an amazingly low price of £3.50. Please make sure that you collect your child by the finish time of 4.45pm. Vegetarian hot dogs will also be available.

## Enterprise

As usual, at this time of year, our children will be busy making a lovely gift for you to purchase at the end of the term. This activity is all about enterprise, as we teach our children how to turn the £1 they are given into profit for their class. For instance, if there are 30 children in the class, they will each receive £1, totalling £30. The teacher will use that £30 to buy in some resources which the children turn into something wonderful – usually a Christmas decoration or a gift that will last all year long. It is hoped that each item sells for more than it cost to make, for instance, £2. The class then spend their £60 on something both educational and fun for their classroom. Enterprise items will be on sale on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, at the end of the school day.

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## Christmas Jumper Day

'Save the Children' are holding their annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. We are too! All you have to do is send your child to school in a Christmas jumper, in exchange for something chocolatey. All chocolate proceeds will be put towards our festive raffle. If you would also like to donate money, all proceeds will be passed on to Save the Children.



## Santa Gift Shop



Our fantastic PTA are eager to start fund raising, and have come up with a great idea for their first event. On 17<sup>th</sup> December, children will be able to visit our Santa Gift Shop in during the school day, where there will be an array of secret gifts that they can buy for their loved ones. Gifts will range from a few pence to a few pounds, and will be gift wrapped for them to take home and put under the Christmas tree. If your child would like to spend their pocket money on buying a surprise gift for mums, dads, grandparents or other loved ones, this is a great way to do it, and will raise funds for school at the same time!

## Nativity

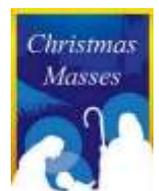
If you are a parent of a child in Year FS, 1 and 2, you will have had information from your child's teacher about the nativity production by now. This year, to make it easier for working parents, we will be putting on two performances, one at 1.30pm and the other at 4pm. To make the evening performance as outstanding as the afternoon one, we will be asking all children in those three classes to stay behind. **If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6, they will not be required to stay behind, and will need to be collected at the normal home time of 3.30pm (we will not have staff available to look after older children so please ensure that all KS2 children are collected promptly).**

We will make sure that children are given something to eat and drink to keep up their energy levels. Each performance will last approximately one hour, and will be followed by a raffle and a bun sale. If you think you may have difficulty allowing your child to remain behind, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as you can, so that they can put other arrangements in place.



## Christmas Mass

Please do join us for our Christmas Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10am. This is a most special service, where you can refresh your spirit and enjoy listening to the Christmas hymns that our children will be singing.



## Breakfast and Tea Time Clubs

If you are a working parent and need reliable, safe and fun childcare provision before and after school, we are able to help you. You can drop your child off from 7.30am and collect them as late as 6pm in the evening, Monday to Friday. Please speak to our office staff if you are interested in this service. Charges apply but you may be able to take advantage of a reduced cost if you are eligible.

## Sporting Update

Please make sure that your child has their full indoor and outdoor kit with them every day in school.

## Safeguarding

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If you have any concerns over matters of this nature, please do speak to a member of staff immediately. Remember, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our children are safe.

**Celebration Assembly Certificates:**

*Parents are warmly invited to see the following children receive their certificates:*

*Headteacher Award: Will Kucherka*

*FS Class: Zofia*

*Class 1 / 2: Hanna*

*Class 3 / 4: Eva*

*Class 5 / 6: Lucas*



**Dates for your diary: (please note that further dates will be regularly added)**

<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Please note change of date</b>	<b>Year 3 and 4 pedestrian training day – warm/sensible coats and shoes required</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Liturgy / Christingle at 3pm in the hall – all welcome
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 Cinema Night
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Cinema Night
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Enterprise sale at home time
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for something chocolately
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Dinner – look out for the letter!
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production of the Nativity: 1.30pm and 4pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day – children to bring a party outfit to school in a named bag
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Mass in church at 10am – please join us for this special occasion
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of term Celebration Assembly at 2pm – all welcome
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closes at 2.30pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day – school is closed for children
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens for children

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## When a Child is Born 2018



We believe this appeal is especially poignant at this time of the year, as we celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas. As Advent represents Hope, Peace, Love & Joy, we aim to bring these gifts to the families we support. We feel that some of our work mirrors the Christmas Story and here are some examples of that.

- Like Mary & Joseph, some of our families might find themselves in a new town, with no immediate family & very few personal belongings
- Similar to Mary & Joseph, some of these families have to find themselves a new home to live in
- We as workers from Catholic Care, visit the families, like the Shepherds visited Baby Jesus, soon after he was born. We want to ensure that the family are settled & safe in their new home, especially when they have a new born baby.
- By donating baby items to our appeal, you can think of yourselves as having a similar role to the Three Wise Men, bringing gifts for the new baby.

Thank you so much for your kindness, we will ensure all items donated will go to the people who really need it.

