



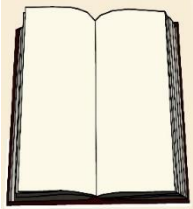
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 2022-23 #3
25th November 2022

St. Joseph's is a joyful community which follows the example of Jesus, helping, accepting and respecting everyone, as we learn and grow together, safe in His love.

Book of Remembrance

Next Tuesday, this special book will be on the altar during Mass. If you wish to add any more names of loved ones you wish to be remembered, please do so by Monday.



Stay and Pray

Both Year 5 (15th) and Year 4 (22nd) joined the parish 9:15am Mass.

Parents are always very welcome to attend the Mass too.



PARKING

The school has again received a complaint from neighbours related to "selfish and inconsiderate" parking. A very small number of incidents continue to reflect poorly on this friendly community. Please **DO NOT** park across driveways, blocking access either on or off for residents.

Anti-Bullying Week 14-18 November

We joined in with this national week to promote anti-bullying in several ways. Children completed work in class, we wore odd socks on the Monday and we joined a national live lesson on Wednesday...starring some of our children. Hopefully the children are even more aware of what they need to do to keep themselves safe and where they can get help if they ever feel bullied.

Dentist Visit to Reception

Thank you to Dr Shawkat who kindly visited the children in the reception classes to teach them about how to keep their teeth healthy. Each child was given a toothbrush to take home which they were very excited about! Happy brushing!!



Beatbox Workshops

On Tuesday 15th November, Rupert, a world champion beatboxer from The Beatbox Collective, came to school to teach children in Key Stage 2 how to Beatbox. We all had a great time and learnt how to make some interesting noises.

We are looking forward to welcoming Rupert back to St. Joseph's later in the summer to work with children from EYFS, Key Stage 1 and the choir. The choir are also looking forward to being part of the Beatbox Collective at the Young Voices concert at the O2 after Christmas.



Year 5 & 6 Football & Netball

Over the past 2 weeks the Year 5 & 6 Football & Netball teams took part in league games. It was great to see the children develop their skills and work as a team. The Girls' team topped the league table and will progress to the next round. Well done to everyone who took part.

Class Assembly

4B had their class assembly and were all superstars. They shared their learning from the year so far. Well done!

Reception Stay and Play

The Reception children were very excited to welcome their grown-ups into school to stay and play. Children showed their grown-ups around the classrooms and had great fun giving them a glimpse of daily life in Reception. They can't wait until next time!



St. Anne's House is supporting S.M.I.L.E this Christmas by taking part in their Shoe Box Appeal. If you would like to support this wonderful charity, please send your wrapped boxes into school **on Monday 28th November or Tuesday 29th November**. For some children the shoeboxes may be the only present they receive this year.

Getting to know you!

Following a couple of requests, Mr Ross has shared his answers to the following questions!

Why did you apply to be our headteacher?

I made a visit to see what the school was like and immediately knew I wanted to work here.

What is your favourite thing about being our headteacher? Visiting classes and talking to so many different people each day.

What was your dream job when you were little? At different times I wanted to be a teacher, a doctor, a farmer and a car salesman.

What is your karaoke song? Anything by ACDC.

What is your favourite dish? Anything pasta.

What is your favourite colour? Blue.

In your humble opinion, what is the best football team on the planet??? (Trick question - COY!!!!!!!!!!) One of Spurs or Enfield Town.

If you were a dinosaur, which one would you be? The Natural History museum quiz tells me I'd be a Giganotosaurus.

What is your favourite film? Star Wars

Who is your favourite band/singer? See my karaoke choice!

Can you solve Fermat's last theorem? Not without help and lots of chances to make mistakes.

And the last and most important question - what is the best school in the world? ST JOSEPH'S!!



Free Jesse Tree Booklet for Families

The Jesse Tree is a wonderful resource for families to prepare for Christmas during Advent, telling the story of God's unfolding plan of salvation through the ancestors of Jesus Christ. A free, printable Jesse Tree booklet containing daily short scripture passages, simple reflections and prayers, as well as tree ornaments are available for all families in the Diocese of Brentwood by following this link:

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life/family-life/

Advent Prayer

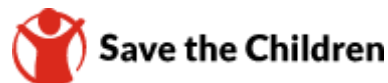
Christ, come into our world of darkness.
Light up our lives with your coming. Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world and to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.
Amen.



CAFOD (The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) reaches out to Catholic schools through volunteers who deliver assemblies and workshops using the excellent resources produced by CAFOD's Education group. Would you, or someone you know, be interested in joining the team? They provide training and termly refresher sessions, arrange for you to have a DBS check and pay your travel expenses. The role is especially suitable for someone looking to return to work after a career break, thinking about a career in education or recently retired and looking for a volunteering opportunity where they can make a difference. For more information contact Marcela Keech at mkeech@cafod.org.uk or Jane Crone jcrone@cafod.org.uk 07779 804252

Christmas Jumpers

Children may wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 9th December for the Year 6 Fun Day. They may also wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 16th December in exchange for a £1 donation in support of Save the Children Charity. Both of these days will be non-uniform.



Please refer to the school website for the upcoming Diary Dates

<https://st-josephs-upminster.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Diary-Dates-Autumn-2022.pdf>

