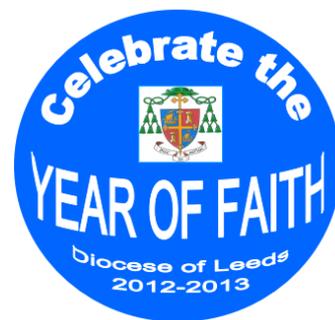


ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 14 December 2012



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Vigil:

Mon 24th Dec, 6.00pm

Christmas Day Masses:

Midnight & 10.00am

Our Lady & All Saints Church Mass Times

Saturday Morning: 10am

Saturday Evening Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday Morning: 9.30am & 11.15am

There is also a weekday morning mass before school at 8.30am each morning except Tuesdays.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Please can I encourage parents to take their children to mass on a regular basis and please note that the church is open to parishioners all day long if you wish to spend a few moments in quiet prayer or reflection.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

All children attending the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass are invited to participate in the mass so please come wearing a nativity costume e.g. shepherds, kings, angels, stars, sheep etc. All children will be invited onto the altar before and during mass to sing carols and take part in a nativity tableau. We would love to have lots of children participating. Any queries please speak to Sam Roberts (464511) or Karen Roberts (07740096046). We look forward to seeing you on the night.

If your child would like to do a reading during the mass then please contact us by Friday 14th December.

Christmas Performance – This year's performances by Reception, Y1 & Y2 will take place at 1.30pm on **Tuesday 18th December**. Tickets are available from the office and although there is no charge for the tickets the FOSJ will be holding a raffle on the day, the proceeds of which will go towards covering the cost of the licences. Donations of Raffle Prizes will be gratefully received, Thank you.

This Week's Sunshine Awards Went to:

Daisy (Rec), Teagan (Y1), Sadie (Y2), Jonjoe (Y3), Jessica (Y4), Mia (Y5) & Ben (Y6)

Parish Carol Concert

Children singing at the carol concert in Church on Wednesday should arrive dressed in their school uniform by 5.45pm. Thank you.

Non Uniform Day
Children can come to school wearing their own clothes on Wednesday in exchange for a donation towards our Advent Appeal. Class parties will take place in the afternoon.

Please note that there will be no Healthy Cooking Club next week!

Letters are available to KS2 children who would like to take part in the club when it restarts in the New Year.

Whole School Mass on Thursday 20th December—9.30am in Church. Everyone Welcome!

Years 3 and 4 have had a busy few weeks out gallivanting. We joined lots of others from school to have a great night 'out on the town' helping to make the switching on of the lights a really good night out. Then last Wednesday we went to Magna in Sheffield for a brilliant visit involving a volcano workshop with lots of messy (and wet) scientific experiments and displays.

Last weekend we had another outing to sing at the Victorian Day, on stage to a huge crowd of people. Some of our audience were St Joseph's family, some were people simply passing by who were enthralled enough to stop and listen to us singing! Yesterday we had a beautiful class Mass in Yr 3 with Father Laurie and today Yr 3 represented the school when we supported our fellow Christians by going to see the Christmas tree exhibition at the Parish church. In between we have been preparing for our next excitement: our parish and school carol concert on the 19th. We are all really looking forward to another night out!

We have actually been doing some work in class between our gadding about (I am pleased to hear that!!! Years 3 and 4 are becoming the school's 'party animals'!!! ...Mrs Knight). We have been working on our division in maths and reading some great play scripts in literacy. As well as rewriting the ending of Cinderella to one that is much funnier, we are working on reading a play with expression and clarity. We enjoyed reading aloud the exploits of two pirate ship crews, the 'Sitting Duck' pirates are almost as hopeless as the crew from the 'Flying Pig'! Do ask any one of us to read though our plays at home!

Best wishes, Mrs Heatley and Mrs Skeoch

Y3 Swimming Rota—Letters have been sent home with Y3 requesting volunteers to walk with Swimmers next term. Please send in your replies if you are able to help.

On the Golden Table:

Isla (Y5), Angel (Y4), Eva (Y1) & Eleanor (Rec)

ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION – SEPTEMBER 2013

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2013, please call into the office and collect a Supplementary Information Form for completion as soon as possible so that your child's application can be considered at the Governing Body Admissions Sub-Committee Meeting in due course. Any questions, please call into the Office and ask Mrs Jessop or Mrs Boswell. Thank you

Class Parties—Letters have been sent home this week detailing the arrangements for the Class Parties which will take place on Wednesday afternoon. Each child should have received a letter giving details of what they need to bring with them on the day—please contact the class teacher if you have not received a letter. We are giving children the opportunity to come dressed in their party clothes on the day in return for a donation to our Advent Appeal for St Georges Crypt. Thank you.

Dramerge'—Original Drama Classes

Developing important life skills in: Self-Confidence, Self-Esteem & Communication Skills

Classes take place every Sunday (starting January) in Huby:

9.30—11.00 (6-10 years)

11.15—12.45 (11-16 years)

For more details contact Toni on 07972 308636 or email

dramerge@hotmail.co.uk

Visit www.dramerge.co.uk or look for Dramerge on Facebook

In School Next Week:

Tuesday, 1.30pm—Rec & KSI Performance

Wednesday—Non Uniform

Wednesday PM—Class Parties

Wednesday, 6.00pm—Parish Carol Concert

Thursday, 9.30am—Mass in Church for End of Term



This week in Year 1 we have all been incredibly festive. Not content with rehearsals for our Christmas show we have been solving Christmas maths problems, making our own wrapping paper with repeating patterns and writing letters to Santa! We have also been focussing on the most important part of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. We have been considering the symbols of Christmas and what they mean and have retold the story in our own words. We can't wait for our Christmas show next week! Make sure you have your tickets, you'll be very impressed! We had enormous fun building grottos on Wednesday and being out in the brisk winter weather. Take a look at our photo. Miss Davis

A letter has gone out to KS2 (Y3, 4, 5, 6) for Performing Arts Club. I do need to know before Christmas who would like to attend as currently due to low numbers I am considering running it for the same group as this term and need to let them know. If your little singer, dancer or actor would like to attend please return the slip ASAP.
Thank you. Miss Davis



Music Lessons:

Please note that all music lessons will resume during the first week of term:

*Violin / Brass / Guitar / Flute & Clarinet
Fees will also be due for the Spring Term—
All £60 per term apart from Brass which is 70). Please make cheques payable to Leeds City Council.*

Thank you.

Y6 Residential

The next instalment of £35 for Robinwood will be due on 18th January. Please forward cash or cheques made payable to St Joseph's School.

Thank you

Bun Sales

Thank you so much to everyone who brought in buns or brought money to buy buns over the last two weeks. We estimate that we have had over 700 buns brought in for the two bun sales which is a pretty impressive number of buns!!

Thanks to your generosity, your bun buying has raised over £150 so far with another bun sale after school today. This will be added to the rest of our Advent Appeal Funds and be taken to St George's Crypt.

Thank you all once again!

School Closes on **Thursday 20th December** and Re-opens on **Tuesday 8th January 2013**. Friday 21st December & Monday 7th January are Training Days.