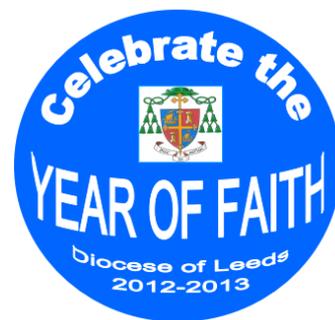


ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 20 December 2012



SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY AND RE-OPENS ON TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY.

FRI 21ST DECEMBER & MON 7TH JANUARY ARE TRAINING DAYS

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.

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.

Please note that there will be no after school clubs during the first week back after Christmas. 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

A Message from St Joseph's

Parents:

Coffee Morning

Please come & join us for refreshments, chat & play— every

Wednesday during term time, 9—

11am starting 9th January up-

stairs in Clitherow House.

Entry £1.50— Everyone Welcome!

Happy Christmas from Friends of St Josephs

Thank you to everyone who has helped us this term. So far this term we have organised Christmas Cards, Skye Cycle, Fabulous Fashion Friday, Christmas School Disco. We have raised over £800 towards our current goal of new furniture etc. for our new library.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Please come and join us at the next meeting, It will be on January at 8pm. If you cannot make this or have any ideas for future events please email: claudia.neumeister@btopenworld.com or

J.Lay@leeds.ac.uk or seonaiddiamond@msn.com

Thank you all for your generosity during our Advent Appeal. Some of the totals raised so far are as follows:

Rec & KS1 Bun Sale £91.22

KS2 Bun Sale £69.95

Non-Uniform Day £ 185.40

The total amount raised for St Georges Crypt was a fantastic
£492.97.

Thank you all once Again!

There will be a Whole School Mass held in January to celebrate the start of a new year and a new term. This will take place in Church at 9.30am on **Friday 11th January** – All parents, carers, friends and family are invited to attend.

Deanery Football

Well done to all the children, mostly from Year 6 (but some Year 5 children) who took part in the Deanery Football League at St Mary's on Monday Evenings. All the children played really well and we have been crowned joint winners!!!

Thank you to all the parents for providing transport and support, sometimes in horrible weather! Please can all kit be returned in the New Year if it hasn't been already. Thank you.

Year 2: Well done to all the children for their wonderful Christmas play, we were very proud of you all. Thank you to all the parents for providing such wonderful costumes. We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and we wish the children in Year 2 every success with their new teacher—it has been a pleasure teaching you all! Mrs Harvey & Mrs Rouse

Please note that there will be a Children's FHC Meeting in school on Tuesday 8th January, 3.15—4.15pm

"Be an Angel this Christmas"
Thank you to all the staff who dressed up as angels on Wednesday in aid of our Advent Appeal for St Georges Crypt.
You all looked very angelic!!!

A huge thank you to all the children and parents in Year 1 for all your generous gifts and cards and for all your support this term. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas! See you in 2013. Mrs Boyce, Miss Davis and Mrs Russell.

The staff, governors and myself would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas. We have been completely overwhelmed with your generous gifts so thank you very much!

The children have (as ever) been fantastic this week in their various 'duties'. KS1 and YR entertained us with their versions of the Christmas story—golden memories for us all!!! We had a wonderful Carol Service in which the children read and sang with great skill and confidence and shared the spirit of Christmas to the whole parish. We were privileged to have the Bethlehem Peace Light brought in at the end of the service to be shared with family and friends.

Our Mass this morning was a lovely way for us to close a hectic term together and prepare for Christmas. 'Party Day' was enjoyed by everyone and Fr Christmas even managed to put in an appearance to everyone's delight in KS1 & YR.

*Thank you to the Mums who came in and set out the 'festive feast', kept the squash flowing and cleared up at the end
(Mr Barber was very grateful)*

It has been a long & busy term for us all so relax, enjoy and refresh ready to take 2013 by storm.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all from Mrs Knight & all the St Joseph's Staff