

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

Pope Francis' Christmas Message, 'Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace among those whom He Favours' (Luke 2:14). What does that child have to tell us? It is that God is a good Father and we are all brothers and sisters. May I, on behalf of all staff wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas and invite you to join in the Christmas celebrations in St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Margam.

Christmas Nativity

This year because the Parish Hall is undergoing refurbishments, the Main School Nativity Play will take place in St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday 11th December at 1.30 pm. There will be no charge but we hope that parents will be generous to make a small donation for school funds on the day. Christmas Raffle tickets are available to buy at the start of the school day and at the end.

Nursery Nativity

Morning Nursery will perform their Nativity on Tuesday 17th December at 9.30. Afternoon Nursery will perform their Nativity on Wednesday 18th at 1.15pm

Tickets for the Nursery Nativities will be on sale in the Nursery from Monday 9th December at a cost of £2.50 per ticket (2 tickets per child).

Visit by Santa

A very Special person will be visiting the School on Friday 13th December. He will bring a gift (selection box) for Nursery AM, and PM, Reception, Year 1 and 2. All children are invited to wear Xmas jumpers and hats.

St. Joseph's Parish Carol Service

St. Joseph's Carol Service will be held on Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm in St. Joseph's Church. Children are asked to wear their school uniforms and a Xmas hat. Please arrive at 6.15pm

Friday 20th December

Children are invited to wear 'Party Clothes' on Friday 20th December to celebrate last day of Autumn Term.

Working with Our Community Urdd After School Club (Year 2)

The Urdd will lead a Multi-Sports Club on Thursday 23rd January 2020. The Club will be open to Year 2 pupils but we only have 16 places available so it will be on a 'First Come, First served' basis. The cost will be £13.50 for a 9 week block (Parent Pay will be available for parents to pay). A form will be sent to parents for completion & return in the New Year.

Dinner Money is payable on a Monday at a cost of £2.35 per meal (£11.75 weekly) Parent pay is now up & running for dinner payments

Snack money is £2.00 per week payable on Monday.

Voluntary Contribution to Building Fund are payable per family as follows:

£75.00 (yearly), £25.00 (termly), or £2.00 weekly.

It is vitally important that we receive contributions to enable improvements and repairs to the school.

Parent Pay is now up & running for Building Fund Payments

Many thanks



The next Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 19th January 2020. Please come and join us for 10.00 Mass.

Parent Pay has arrived!!

A quick and easy way for parents to pay for school dinners, trips, Building Fund etc.



This year our School is working on:

- Further developing the role of our Governors
- Developing literacy and numeracy skills across the curriculum
- Developing pupils' ability to listen to others and focus purposefully in independent tasks
- Embedding RSE Policy and introducing the Jesuit Virtues.

This Term: our literacy focus is phonics and reading.

Please see Reading Eggs Website* We have topped up our reading scheme books. Some suggested pointers on how best to listen to your child read will be shared by class teacher. If you have not yet joined, please do so.

Action required:

Please take some time to share books with your child daily and take advantage of our fantastic local library.

E-Safety Zone

Website of the Week

With Christmas fast approaching, please check whether a game, film or app is suitable for your child.

Common Sense Media - We rate, educate, and advocate for kids, families, and schools

"Find age-appropriate movies, books, apps, TV shows, video games, websites, and music that you and your kids will love. Browse our library of more than 25,000 reviews by age, entertainment type, learning rating, genre, and more using the filters in the left column."

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15 (£1.00): **Film Club** (open to all except Nursey)
Resumes Tuesday 14th January 2020

Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15 (£2.00): **Spanish Club**: Year 2
Resumes Wednesday 15th January 2020

Thursday 3:15- 4:15 **Yoga Club**: Open to Year 1
Resumes Thursday 16th January 2020

Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 Sports Club (Year 2)
Begins 23rd January 2020

Designated School Child Protection Officers:

Deputy CP Teacher :Mrs. S. Turner

Designated CP Teacher :Ms.J.Beaumont

CP Governor: Mr. J. Hussell



Language and Play:

Resumes Tuesday 14th Jan 2020 9.00 – 10.30

If you require written materials in a different format please inform the school



The Staff of St. Joseph's infant School wish you all a very Happy, Peaceful & Holy Christmas and New Year

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