



ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

20th November 2020

House captains

Despite the restrictions of keeping children in their own contact groups, we are keen to continue our pupil voice and opportunities for our children to develop their leadership skills. Children in year 6 were all given the opportunity to apply for the role of house captain. A shortlist of candidates were put forward for all children to vote for their choice of house captain and vice-captain. With very powerful speeches, the votes were counted and the results were announced live on teams this week. Congratulations to Woody, Natalia, Joseph, Freya, Elisha, Alvina, Romeo and Zach. So proud of you all and I look forward to seeing what difference you can make in school.



Children in Need – Together we can change young lives

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need. We raised a fantastic £369.16.

Inset Day changes

Following consultation with staff and governors, we have decided to change our inset days so our final day in school for this term will be Friday 18th December. Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December will now be inset days and will therefore be closed to pupils. Monday 4th January will remain an inset day but we will now return to school and will be open to pupils on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Christmas Cards

This year, if your child wishes to send a Christmas card, either they can send one to their class which will be displayed in the classroom or if they wish to send individual cards, please send these in on a Monday and we will send them out by the following Friday. We are continuing to try to limit items brought into school from home. Many thanks

Christmas Concerts

Unfortunately, we will be unable to perform our Christmas concerts this year to a live audience. However, we will do our very best to continue with our traditions so each class will be involved in their own version of the Christmas Story. This will be recorded so you can watch it. A letter will be sent out next week with further details, we will require your consent for your child to be in the concert.

Covid 19

Please continue to maintain social distancing when collecting and dropping off your child – this is crucial to safeguarding us all. If you feel you cannot maintain 2m we ask you to wear a mask. If your child comes to school wearing a reusable mask, this should be put into a plastic bag so it can be stored whilst in school.

In order to avoid transmission of covid 19, **children must not come to school if they or any member of your household is suffering from symptoms of covid 19. Children must not come to school if you or anyone in your household is awaiting test results.**

Goodbye and Good luck

Mrs Cahill will be leaving St Joseph's next Friday as she moves to live in Koln in Germany. Mrs Cahill has worked at St Joseph's for fourteen years since her own girls were here in school. We will miss her, but wish her well on her new adventure. Auf Wiedersehen Mrs Cahill

Admission to Reception – closing date 27th November 2020

If your child will be 4 before 31st August 2021, then you need to apply for a place in our reception class for September 2021. This must be done by Friday 27th November 2020. You will be informed of your place on 16th April 2021. Please complete the school application form as well as the LA online form. Please ask at the school office if you need help to complete the application form.

Thank you for your continued support,

Angela Heald
Headteacher