

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING COMPETITION



Thank you to everyone who voted for our tree in the Dorkensian Christmas event. The votes have now been counted and we came in third place. Well done again to the children from Art Club for decorating the tree so beautifully with their hand-made decorations and to Miss Cook and Miss Kenway for organising this.



INFANT NATIVITY PLAYS

The children have been practising hard and are looking forward to performing their Nativity Plays next week. We have managed to accommodate all ticket requests which were made. A reminder that **only those named on the list of attendees can be admitted**; places may not be transferred.

Yr 1 & 2 - BUSY, BUSY BETHLEHEM!
Tuesday 12th December 9.30am and 2.30pm
Wednesday 13th December at 2.30pm
(Grandparents Performance)



Yr R - MINI NATIVITY PLAY
Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

KS2 ADVENT SERVICE

Thursday 14th December 4pm

The KS2 children will be leading our Advent Service at **St. Joseph's Church**. Parents are warmly invited to join us. The children will walk up to the Church with their teachers straight after school. We envisage that the service will end by 5pm and children should be **collected from the Church** after the event.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MORNING

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 2023

Final call for any more donations of small, good-quality items to sell at the children's Christmas Shopping Morning.



This event takes place next week and children have the opportunity to buy a small gift for their immediate family - Mums, Dads and brothers /sisters.



Gifts cost **£1** each; please only send the amount needed for your family size.

Please ensure that the money is in a labelled purse/wallet or money bag. **It is very helpful to send coins rather than notes.**

Please could each child also bring in a named bag to carry home all of the gifts they have bought! The gifts will not be wrapped so you may wish to have some paper ready for them at home.

Many thanks for your support.

PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY GOODS CONTAINING NUTS!

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

In order for Mrs Cook to reconcile the school accounts at the end of term, please can you ensure that all dinner money (including Christmas Lunch), trips / visits or swimming payments are up to date. Many thanks.

DONATIONS FOR CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Some lovely class Christmas cards have already started coming in and the class collections for Cafod are going well. Some of the classes have already looked



at the World Gift catalogue and are targeting the gifts they hope to buy with the money they raise.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Monday 18th December.

Children may wear Christmas themed jumpers and hats to school on this day.



Please make any necessary payments on Scopay.



For those of you who are amidst your Christmas Shopping, a reminder that St. Joseph's is registered with **easyfundraising**, a scheme which allows us to raise **FREE** funds for school if you shop on-line, at no extra cost to you!

A wide range of over 4,300 retailers participate including a number of familiar High Street stores and supermarkets and signing up is easy. Please see the attached flyer for more details or visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephsdorking/> You can download the App or add the Donation Reminder to your browser so you never miss a donation opportunity.

Don't forget to tell your friends and family too!

*****REMINDER*****

THE AUTUMN TERM ENDS ON TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 1.15PM.
PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD(REN)

SPRING TERM 2024
TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY IS AN INSET DAY.
THE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024



*With all best wishes for the weekend.
Look after one another and be kind!*

*Carolyn Scrutton
Headteacher*

*"Advent increases our hope, a hope which does
not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down."
Pope Francis*

As we approach the end of term festivities, it is timely to remind parents of our protocol regarding the use of cameras at school events and performances. Please see below.

'USE YOUR CAMERA AND VIDEO COURTEOUSLY' - OUR CODE OF PRACTICE

A guide for parents who wish to photograph or film at a school event.

Generally photographs and videos for school and family use are a source of pleasure and pride which can enhance self-esteem for children and capture special moments for families to remember.

By following some simple guidelines, we can proceed safely and in line with legislation.

Parents and carers attend school events at the invitation of the Headteacher and Governors.

The Headteacher and Governors have the responsibility to:

- decide if photography and filming of school performances and events is permitted.
- decide the conditions that will apply in order that children are kept safe and that the performance is not disrupted and children and staff are not distracted.

Parents and carers may use photographs and film taken at a school event strictly for their own **personal use only**. Such photos and videos cannot be sold and **must not be published on the web/internet, including social media or networking sites**. This is to ensure that Data Protection legislation is not contravened. Recording or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of all the other parents whose children may be included in the images.

Parents and carers must adhere to guidance from staff as to when photography and filming is permitted and must follow any instructions regarding where to sit in order to minimise disruption to the activity. Parents should always be courteous and mindful of others, ensuring that their own use of photography does not impact upon others' enjoyment of the event.

Parents and carers must not photograph or film children changing for performances or events.

Please note, if parents are accompanied or represented by people whom school staff do not recognise, the staff may need to verify who they are if they are using a camera or video.