



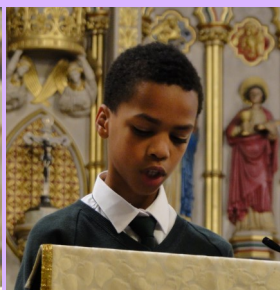
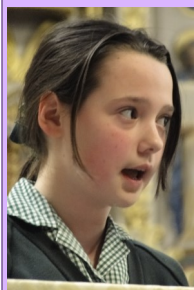
INFANT NATIVITY PLAYS

Our Nativity plays are always a highlight of our Christmas preparations and it was a delight to watch them last week. Many congratulations to the children who entertained us with such enthusiastic singing and wonderful performances.



KS2 ADVENT SERVICE

Our thanks to the KS2 children who lead us in a very prayerful service reflecting on the Nativity story. It was a lovely opportunity to take time out from the busy build up to Christmas and reflect on the events that lie behind the celebration.



My sincere thanks go to the staff team here at St. Joseph's who do so much behind the scenes. to prepare these performances which were a testament to their dedication and creativity.

Thanks also to Mrs Hampshire for leading choir and to Mr Stevenson for giving so generously of his time and talents to accompany the choir.

SCHOOL CHOIR

Congratulations to the school choir who took part in the Dorking Choral Society Christmas Concert last weekend. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to sing with an adult choir. We were very proud of the children who sang really beautifully and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. A big thank you to Mrs Hampshire for preparing the children so well and to Mr Stevenson for accompanying the children on the piano.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MORNING

Many thanks to the FOSJ team who organised Friday's Christmas shopping event for the children and helped with the sorting, preparation and selling on the day. Many thanks also for all the items which were donated and to our Year 6 helpers.



The children had great fun choosing their gifts. They may need some wrapping paper and sellotape so that they can get their gifts wrapped and keep them a surprise until Christmas morning. No peeking! We hope you will be delighted when you open the gifts your children have chosen for you!

CONGRATULATIONS



Well done to Úna and Órla who took part in a feis - Irish Dancing Competition - recently and were placed first and second.

Many congratulations also to Mabel who had a successful football trial for Brighton and Hove Albion FC last week and has been invited back to the Academy.

DONATIONS FOR CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Well done to the children for the lovely Christmas Cards they have brought in for their classes and thank you for your donations to Cafod. A special mention to Year 5 who have really thrown themselves into this initiative, with their class totaliser, and have raised over £100 which means they can easily afford the



"Fantastic Fisherfolk" gift they were targeting.

Thank you for your generosity.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thanks to the catering team for preparing our lunch and to the teachers, teaching assistants and Mrs Cook for providing the "waiting" staff for the children.



FOSJ CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Thank you to the members of the FOSJ team who organised the



Christmas Raffle, to the local companies who donated prizes and to Mrs Cook for all her help with the admin. The raffle was drawn in Friday's assembly and prizes should be claimed from the school office. Congratulations to the following families who were the lucky winners: the Doran Family, the Latocha Family, the Maruziva Family, the Harris Family, the O'Neil Family, the Green Family, the Cassidy Family, the Cheung Family, the Bush Family and the Cowdry Family.

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



On behalf of all the staff and governors at St. Joseph's, thank you for your support throughout the year. It has been another long and busy term, but much has been achieved and your kind thoughts and gestures and your encouraging words have inspired us.

We are immensely proud of the children and their hard work and achievements this term. They deserve a very happy and fun-filled holiday.

My sincere thanks to the staff for all their efforts this term too.

We are blessed with a fantastic team whose energy, resilience, care, commitment and good humour is much appreciated.

Finally, many thanks also for your Christmas wishes and all the generous gifts we have received.

We wish you and your loved ones a very happy and blessed Christmas.

*With all best wishes,
Carolyn Scrutton and the staff of St. Joseph's*