

Dear parents and carers,

There has been a definite sense of Advent and Christmas at St Joseph's this week, with the classes practising nativity songs and our prayers turning towards the arrival of Jesus Christ. Father Ian has kindly been in to administer the sacrament of reconciliation to some children in Years 4 and 5 so far, too.

We have been blessed with the continued support of the Friends of St Joseph's, who not only provided a pantomime for the children this week, but continue to help us with reading books, and as I write this on Thursday their volunteers have been helping sort the donations for Christmas shopping morning next Friday. Thank you to everyone who helps support St Joseph's - we couldn't provide what we do for the children without the generosity of our parents and supporters.

If you'd like to get involved with the Friends of St Joseph's, please contact Victoria Norton, or our school office. They are a warm, welcoming group who bring a lot of fun and life to the school, as well as their financial support.

A reminder that the **children's Christmas shopping morning is on Friday 12th** - they should bring £3-5 in coins and a named carrier bag, if you'd like them to take part in buying presents for close family members.

Finally, please read on, as there is a lot to celebrate this week!

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Advent Dates

Thurs 11th December, AM
Yr R Nativity to Parents

Tuesday 16th Dec PM
Y1&2 Nativity 1

Wednesday 17th Dec AM
Y1&2 Nativity 2

Wednesday 17th Dec
Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December
KS2 Advent Service 2PM

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CHRISTMAS WREATHS - WINNERS!!



Huge congratulations to all the children for winning the Hello Dorking Christmas Wreaths competition! Our wreaths were on display against other schools in Dorking and we received the most votes.

Our prize includes stationery and crafts provided by Surrey Hills Solicitors. We are delighted that the children's work was recognised by members of the public. Well done!

Y6 BOYS' FOOTBALL

The Year 6 boys, joined by the excellent Mabel and some Year 5 students, battled in tough weather conditions in the Dorking Football tournament this week. They played brilliantly and demonstrated our ethos of kindness and respect throughout!



Y5/6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL - CHAMPIONS!

We are also very proud of our girls' football team, who went to the equivalent tournament at Meadbowbank and won the whole competition, not losing any of their six matches!

The girls played with energy, commitment, and scored some excellent goals, bringing home the trophy to St Joseph's. They represented the school wonderfully in all ways.

The girls have progressed to the county finals in January - please wish them luck!



PANTOMIME FUN ON WEDNESDAY

The Friends of St Joseph's kindly paid for a touring pantomime to perform for the children on Wednesday. It was a very energetic production, full of audience participation! Thank you to FOSJ!



ACADEMISATION UPDATE



The recent presentation on Academisation has been added to the school website, with the consultation period ending on Friday 5th December at 6pm.

Please submit any questions or comments to consultation@stjosephs-dorking.surrey.sch.uk before then.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!

This advent we are doing a collection for Great Ormond Street, mainly through our Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 17th December. Please allow the children to wear a Christmas jumper, and bring in £1.

You can find out more about their work here [by clicking here](#).

We will also be praying together for those who are unwell or who are facing a difficult Christmas period.

