

Dear parents and carers,

I always feel lucky to be a teacher, and, more recently, a headteacher; it's a privileged position to be in. But having recently witnessed the Reception class' nativity, and the Christmas Shopping Morning, I am feeling very blessed to work with your children, the staff, and the wider community at St Joseph's.

The children have prepared diligently for their end of term performances and I know you will be as proud of them as we are. But they are also preparing for Christmas through prayer and the way they live out our ethos in school. Recently we have sent lots of Christmas cards out to the local community, and taken a group of children to sing at a care home. The children constantly ask how we can support others and how they can help.

We have one week to go, finishing at 1.30 on Friday 19th. We'll be working the children hard right up until the end, inbetween nativity and advent service rehearsals and performances! Please make sure they are in every day so that they can end the term with us well.

Please have a look at the dates on this newsletter and our website, most immediately the Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch next Wednesday!

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

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
St Joseph's Church

Friday 19th at 1.30pm
School finishes

Monday 5th January
Return to school

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CARE HOME VISIT - SINGING CLUB



Miss Cook, Miss Devlin, and our singing club visited Dorking Manor Care Home on Thursday to entertain the residents with songs and conversation.

We are so proud of the group for being confident, friendly, and for wanting to reach out to our local community. Well done!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MORNING

A huge thank you to the Friends of St Joseph's for organising and running a successful Christmas shopping morning. Thank you to parents for donations! We hope you receive some lovely presents this Christmas as a result, and we'll let you know how much we raised next week!



RECEPTION NATIVITY

The Reception Class performed a beautiful nativity on Thursday. A big thank you to Mrs Currie and Miss Dootson for organising and preparing the children, the families for attending, and the *Friends of St Joseph's* for catering! It was a lovely event.



RAISING MONEY FOR GOSH

We are continuing to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital this advent. Thank you for giving so generously - it is hugely appreciated. We are collecting at our nativity performances but also for Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 17th.

If you want to give now, you can on our [fundraising page](#) - [click here](#).



RECONCILIATION FOR KS2 CHILDREN



Fr Ian Vane has been in on three occasions in the last week to administer the sacrament of reconciliation to children who signed up in Key Stage Two.

Reconciliation is a wonderful way to grow closer in relationship with God and we are grateful to Fr Ian for coming in to support the children with this.

FUNDRAISING FOR CAFOD - TUES PM

CAFOD Club and Faith in Action Club have united for a fundraiser on Tuesday 16th.

If you need Christmas Cards or Tree Decorations, come to the Junior Playground at 3.15 on Tuesday. All proceeds go to CAFOD. See you there!

