

Dear Parents,

On Monday 14th November 2022 is Odd Socks Day in support of anti-bullying week. An opportunity for the children to express themselves. No collection is required for this.



On Thursday 17th November 2022 is non-school uniform day in support of Children in Need. We welcome any donations through the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8284>

This year's Children in Need is all based around the young people who have faced unprecedented and life-defining changes over recent years. To help raise money, our school council has decided to have a Non-School Uniform Day on the 17th of November. Our theme this year will be **spots** or **bright colours**.

## Catholic Life

### ST. MARY AND ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at St John Fisher School 11am-2pm. Fun, games, stalls and a special visitor!

Please contact Hilari if you can help on: [hilari@stmaryswigston.org.uk](mailto:hilari@stmaryswigston.org.uk) or ring: 07931 644 186 if you can help. Thank you

### All Souls in November

As November is the month of the Holy Souls, we are praying for people we know that have died. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November.

On a Friday lunchtime during November the chaplaincy team will be giving children time to join them in the pray corner to pray for anyone they know who has died.

### Christmas hampers

It is hard to ignore the cost of living crisis that is affecting so many and as a family of schools ( St Paul's, St Thomas More, Sacred Heart, St Joseph's, St John Fisher) we are acutely aware that some of our own school families are struggling too. We would like to ease some of this for those families in greatest need.

In a joint venture with St Paul's, St Thomas More, Sacred Heart, St Joseph's, we plan to put Christmas Food Hampers together and offer them alongside some small toys/gifts to our families who need them most. A letter and poster will be going out about this next week.

Thank you!

### **PTFA Christmas 2022 – A message**

The countdown to Christmas has begun and we have lots of exciting things in the pipeline including our ever successful class hamper raffle, in class activities, Christmas jumper day and more. Please see attached newsletter with all the details which was sent out this week. Thank you everyone for the donations so far.

### **Safety**

#### **Warning Zone**



On Tuesday, Year 6 had a fantastic day at the Warning Zone in Leicester. Children had the opportunity to participate in a unique and interactive learning experience which focuses on teaching year 6 pupils important life skills.

Children were taught vital messages in order to ensure that they are then able to go on to make informed decisions about risks & consequences both on and off-line.

Children were able to engage in a series of interactive zones to learn about areas such as fire safety, the dangers of playing on railway lines, e-safety, water safety and many other life skills.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is key priority for our school this year. The Government's national expectation is 97% and SJF aim to always be above this.

Excellent attendance and punctuality to school are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. Please can you ensure that children are in school every day on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new term I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

If your child's attendance is below a certain threshold, you will be receiving an automatic letter from the school.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised, (unless in exceptional circumstances), and parents may receive a fixed term penalty notice.

### **Sport**

The boys' and girls' football team are playing very well and getting spectacular results. In the last round of matches, they won all their matches.

The cross country team are doing equally well and produced brilliant team and individual performances in Manor High school and Prestwold Hall.

After each sporting event, ambassadors from each team give a speech to the whole school reporting on the highs and lows of the event. Everyone enjoys listening to this and it helps inspire our younger children to 'Aim high, Work hard, Be kind'.



*The Big Bad Wolf visits Reception as part of their Once Upon A Time topic.*

### **Babies & Tots**

Babies & Tots takes place every Wednesday in the school hall. 8.50am to 10.30am. Check out the Babies & Tots Facebook page for more information.

### **Smoking at the school gate**

To protect children and others passing by second-hand smoke, we would like asking anyone who visits or stands at the school gates to stay smoke free and not light up a cigarette anywhere nearby. Thank you.

### **Teacher Training**

Introducing Leicestershire and Rutland's exciting partnership with Teach First from Sep 2023. Offering English, Maths and Primary. If you are anyone you know are thinking of training to teach, we'd love to hear from you - register here for our events:

<https://forms.gle/6zAaFWRHXeW3khy78> . Visit [www.lrtshub.org.uk](http://www.lrtshub.org.uk) ,or drop us a call on 0116 3033744 for more information.

### **Admissions applications for Autumn Term 2023**

Children are admitted to the school in September of the year in which they have their fifth birthday. If there is anyone who wishes to apply for a place for September 2023 (d.o.b. 01.09.2018 – 31.08.2019) please obtain a Supplementary information form from the school office. There is also a requirement to complete an online Local Authority application before January 15th, 2023. This can be found at [www.leics.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leics.gov.uk/admissions) .

There will be an Open afternoon on November 16<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. for all prospective parents. Please inform any interested family and friends.



Mr Gallagher



## Dates For the Diary

### November

14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Football (St. Paul's)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Odd socks Day to mark the start of anti bullying week
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sporthall Athletics (Yr5/6) Competition – East Leicester
17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon 1.30 – 4 P.M.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day – Non school uniform (NSU)
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closed for Teacher Training Day</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	St Mary's and St John Bosco Christmas Fayre @ SJF 11 am -2 pm
26 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	Prestwold Hall Cross Country Meet
27 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	Advent begins
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu immunisation

### December

1 <sup>st</sup>	Advent Mass - at 9:30am- Everyone welcome. Leicester City SSPAN Cross Country Competition Advent 2 Clubs End
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Menphys Concert
6 <sup>th</sup>	9am Year 6 Class Liturgy Reception Nativity 2 p.m./6 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinners/Christmas Jumper Day (NSU) – Donations to PTFA
8 <sup>th</sup>	9am Year 6 Class Liturgy Year 1/2 Nativity 2 p.m./6 p.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas parties/Christmas Theme Day(NSU) – No donations required
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Carol Service
16 <sup>th</sup>	'Aladdin' at SJF School Closes for the Christmas Holiday

### **JULY 2023**

Year 6 Crich Briars Residential – **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**



## SJF PTFA Christmas Newsletter

Our fundraising has got off to a good start this year, with a very successful Film night as well as lottery tickets and Christmas cards/gifts proving popular again. It's not too late to join the lottery - £5 per ticket for the whole year - there is a prize of £20 (1st) and £10 (2nd) every month. We have lots planned in the run up to Christmas and hope you will enjoy taking part and raising lots of money which will go towards events and extras including the Christmas pantomime and class parties.

### LETTERS FROM SANTA



Once again we will be helping to spread a little magic this year with our Letter from Santa service.

£2.50 per letter

Order form & payment details are attached  
Closing date for orders: 5th December

SAVE  
THE DATE

### CHRISTMAS DISCO Friday 9th December

\* MUSIC \* DANCING \* GAMES \*  
\* CRAFTS \* COMPETITIONS \* FOOD \*

More details to follow soon

### CLASS CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE



Please send donations for class hampers into school with your child. All donations must be nut free and well within date. 5 house points per item.  
Closing date for donations Friday 10th December.

Raffle tickets will go on sale w/c 14th Nov via ParentPay, PayPal or cash (sealed envelope). Don't forget contact details so tickets can be sent to you.

### PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS £3 each



Order form & payment details are attached.  
Closing date for orders: 24th November.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Wednesday 7th Dec £1+ donation via ParentPay

If you have any unwanted Christmas jumpers/wear to give away or swap why not post on our facebook page to see if someone in school could benefit.

### IN CLASS ACTIVITIES (more details to follow soon)

- \*Win an Advent calendar
- \*Name the teddy
- \*Guess the number of sweets
- \*Where has Santa dropped the present?  
20p to enter



Thank you for your  
support  
SJF PTFA Team x