

Dear Parents,

Once again, the countdown is about to begin – Christmas is coming. This Sunday, we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent – a time to prepare and wait for something wonderful – the celebration of Christ's birth. Advent is a special time especially in our Catholic primary school. This is an incredibly busy time with staff and our youngest children preparing and rehearsing for nativities, autumn assessments taking place, Menphys and Christmas concert rehearsals, a pantomime trip and of course, what preoccupies a lot of the children's thoughts, the countdown to Father Christmas arriving!

During Advent, we are invited to pause and wait for the Lord by attending to the spiritual and preparing our hearts and minds for His coming. So Happy Advent and enjoy this time of expectant waiting.

Catholic Life

St. Mary And St. John Bosco Parish Christmas Fayre

The fair took place on Saturday 19th November at St John Fisher School. Father John is grateful for all the support. Over £2500 was raised.

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.

Thank you!

Reception Parents morning

It was lovely to see the reception parents preparing nativity scenes with the children.



Advent 2022

Our Chaplaincy Team will be leading an Advent Service on Monday mornings during Advent. Also during Advent children will be taking home a Travelling Crib. There will be an Advent Reconciliation Service on the 5th December at 9.30 a.m. with an opportunity for Confession for Years 5 and 6. Our Carol Service will be on Thursday 15th December at 9.30am in the School Hall. Please come along and join us.

Menphys

Our School Choir will sing with Sacred Heart, Leicester at De Montfort Hall on Friday 2nd December in aid of our local Menphys Charity. Good luck to everyone for the concert and a special thank you to Mrs Moloney for her work with our School Choir.

Sports news**Football**

Well done to Year 5 and 6 who won a tri-school tournament at Goals on November 14th. Also well done to the boys' team who drew 0-0 and won 5-0 in their league. It is looking likely that the boys will be promoted to the top division in the new year. Good luck to the girls' team who play next week.

Cross country

Good luck to all runners at Prestwold and Victoria Park in the next week.

Sportshall athletics – Easter Leicester Champions!**Advent II clubs**

A reminder that it is the last week of clubs next week – this includes JigFit. Mr Gowan's football club continues as normal.



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. Thank you everyone for the donations so far.

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 ,or drop us a call on 0116 3033744 for more information.

SATS change

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on **Monday 8 May 2023**. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)

Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper

Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

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 .

Term dates 2023/24

Please find included the term dates at the end of this newsletter. It is also available for viewing on our school website.

God bless

Mr Gallagher



Dates For the Diary

November

27th (Sun)

Advent begins

29th

Year 6 parents' information evening – SATS & Crich

30th Nov

Flu immunisation

December

1st

Advent Mass - at 9:30am- Everyone welcome.

Leicester City SSPAN Cross Country Competition
Advent 2 Clubs End

2nd

Menphys Concert

6th

9am Year 6 Class Liturgy
Reception Nativity 2 p.m./6 p.m.

7th

Christmas Dinners/Christmas Jumper Day (NSU) – Donations to PTFA
2.30 p.m. Strings concert – year 5 parents welcome

8th

9am Year 6 Class Liturgy
Year 1/2 Nativity 2 p.m./6 p.m.

14th

Christmas parties/Christmas Theme Day(NSU) – No donations required

15th

9.30 a.m. Carol Service – All welcome

16th

9.30 a.m. Christmas Concert – All welcome
'Aladdin' at SJF
School Closes for the Christmas Holiday

JULY 2023

Year 6 Crich Briars Residential – **Wednesday 5th July – Friday 7th July 2023**



SJF PTEA 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 PTEA Team x

