

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a really lovely Christmas break and that you and your families are safe and well.

Firstly, a huge thank you, on behalf of all of the staff, for our wonderful cards and gifts we received for Christmas, it is very much appreciated. One of the 'gifts' was a message from the CMAT about parental nominations for staff in the November parent survey. It was lovely to relay these messages to the staff last week and I know how touched they were to receive these from parents. Thank you.

Secondly, a belated Happy New Year to you all. I hope 2023 is a blessed, happy and healthy year for everyone in the SJF community.

### Donations

Another thank you to everyone who donated to the St Paul's Christmas appeal. Hampers and gifts were spread amongst the SJF community and were gratefully received. Also many thanks to an anonymous benefactor who donated hampers for the St John Fisher Community.

### 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 is also a requirement to fill in an LA form before **January 15th 2023**. For county residents, this form can be found at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

For city residents, this form can be found at <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-school/>

Please share this information with any new prospective parents who have children to start school 2022-2023.

### Parents' Evening – 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February

We will be sending out a monitoring report beforehand which gives an indication of where your child is at academically at this point of the year after the Christmas assessment period and Maths tests which be taking place this month for many year groups.

### Winter uniform

A reminder that the children should be wearing their winter uniform now or at the latest after half term. This includes a blue shirt and tie. Also, remember to bring a warm coat or jacket every day in the winter. The weather can be changeable as we all know. The children have been taking great pride in their appearance. We expect the very best from our children with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour. Thank you for your support.

### Clubs



*Children enjoyed the Aladdin pantomime on 16th December*



We will be sending out a Clubs form at approximately 12pm mid-week this week on Class DoJo. LENT 1 clubs will last for 4 weeks. These will begin on the week beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>. LENT 2 clubs will last for 4 weeks after half term. Jigfit recommences on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Collection times

If your child is collected by a different carer or guardian, could you please inform the office. Contacting via class dojo on the day when the teacher is teaching means that some messages are not relayed in time but by going through the office, messages will always be communicated in a timely fashion.

## Gaming and Internet safety day

In advance of Internet safety on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, we will regularly discuss with children how to keep safe online. We will also be sending newsletters and information to parents on this important matter with guides on websites and games such as Roblox, Youtube, Tiktok and Fortnite.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher

## Dates For the Diary

January 4 <sup>th</sup>	All children return to school Breakfast Club and afterschool club as normal. Book on Arbor.
9 <sup>th</sup>	Rugby – Health and Wellbeing – sessions start in Year 4
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SJF go to St. Paul's 'Frozen' musical experience
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 p.m. Mass – <b>All welcome</b> Boys' football team – Division 1 fixtures
13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming for Year 5/6 begins
19 <sup>th</sup>	Girls' football team – Division 1 fixtures
24 <sup>th</sup>	9 a.m. Year 2 class liturgy
<b>February</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12.30 p.m. Cross country races at Victoria Park
9 <sup>th</sup>	Boys' football team – Division 1 fixtures
14 <sup>th</sup>	9 a.m. Year 1 class liturgy Parents' evening
15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights measurements
16 <sup>th</sup>	Girls' football team – Division 1 fixtures Parents' evening

**HALF TERM Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

## JULY 2023

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