

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the children and parents who turned out for the lantern parade last week. The children have spoken of how they had a lovely time and how the lanterns looked beautiful.

The children have had a great week at school. After last week's FSU Nativity, this week it was the turn of KS1. They did a fantastic performance and it was lovely to see so many parents attend. Thank you to all of the KS1 staff for their hard work during these difficult times with children and staff absences.

**After School Football Club**

Please find attached a flyer giving details of an exciting new football club taking place at St Joseph's in the new year. There will be a club for Years 1 – 3 on a Friday and Years 4, 5 and 6 on a Wednesday. To book your place, or if you have any enquiries, please use the contact information on the flyer.

**Poppy Appeal**

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal. We raised a super £212.66 all of which goes to The Royal British Legion.

**Next week's lunches**

Please remember that next week's menu has slightly changed. The menu is on the website and is available to book through ParentPay. If you had booked ahead earlier in the term, please double check your child's choices. Booking for next Wednesday (Christmas Lunch) is closed and no further bookings/changes can be accepted.

**Stay and Play sessions**

This term Mrs Monks and Miss Thompson have been running a Stay and Play Group on Tuesday mornings from 10-11.30am. The group has up to ten children a week attending. All the children are aged 2 and over. It has been a lovely way to bring children into the school and introduce them to St Joseph's.

We are looking for someone to take over the group from January. If you know anyone who has the skills/qualifications and are interested, please contact Emily Monks – [sen@stjo.uk](mailto:sen@stjo.uk)

**Online Safety**

We talk frequently with our children about how to keep themselves safe online. To support them (and adults) we have added a button on the front page of our website. It is a button that says 'Report harmful content' If children see upsetting or harmful content anywhere on the Internet they can click on that button and it takes them to a webpage where they can report what they saw.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and Christmas mufti in aid of the PTA. Children can come to school in mufti/Christmas mufti. £1.00 donation by cash only please

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6pm – KS2 Christmas Service in Church

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn term

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – First day of Spring term

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Flu vaccine. Email with link to book has been sent out – **Deadline for consents is 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Headteacher's Award:** Maple Class - Ellis

**Gold Awards:** Rowan Class – Millie, Louie, Sycamore Class - Douglas

**Silver Awards:** Sycamore Class - Oto

**Bronze Awards:** Sycamore Class – Emily, Cherry Class – Leo, Finley

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class - Ava, Rowan Class - Eleanor, Sycamore Class – Tilly, Cherry Class - Hollie, Maple Class - Annie, Beech Class – Mabel.