

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Huddersfield School Bulletin - December 2016 Edition



## **The Celebration of the Birth of Our Lord**

Our School is part of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Huddersfield, taking in the churches of English Martyrs', St. Joseph's and St. Paul's at Shepley. We would like to extend a warm invitation to all our children and their families to join with our parish community for the Celebration of the Birth of Our Lord. There are a number of services, as outlined below, for Christmas.

### **Christmas Mass Times**

Christmas Eve - 5.30pm at St Joseph's

- 6.30pm at English Martyrs

Midnight Mass - St Joseph's

Christmas Day - 9am at St Paul's Shepley

- 9am at English Martyrs

- 11am at St Joseph's



### Take Hope Yorkshire

I'm pleased to be welcoming Andrew McVeigh from Take Hope Yorkshire into school to receive an update on the charity which provides for orphans in Ukraine. Accompanying Andrew will be Viktor Munchak who works for the charity in Ukraine. We'll be having a non-uniform day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December to raise funds for the charity, coinciding with the day that Andrew and Viktor are visiting St. Joseph's.



### Staff Changes for January

Miss Horrocks will be leaving at Christmas and will be replaced until Easter by Mrs Rundle (Monday-Wednesday) and Mr Hufton (Wednesday - Friday). The governors have appointed Mrs Sinead Smith, as a permanent member of staff, who will be joining us at Easter.

Mrs Fleming will be going on maternity leave and we welcome Mr David Moss who will be taking class for the rest of the year.



### Christmas Fundraising

The various activities over the last week or so have helped us to raise over £1300. Many thanks to the Friends of St. Joseph's who have organised the fundraising. I'd also like to pass on my thanks to everyone who has supported the events over the last few days. All the performances and the Christmas fair were really well attended and I'd like to pass on the gratitude of the whole school community to the family and friends who have been so generous.



### Parent Information Meetings

St. Joseph's is strongly committed to working with parents to educate their children. I would be very interested in hearing suggestions from parents about areas that you may need support with to help your child at home. In the past twelve months we've had meetings on topics such as Internet Safety, Mathematical Calculations, Chromebook Software, Phonics and English Grammar. Please let me know if you have any ideas for future meetings.

# GET INVOLVED!

## The Friends of St. Joseph's

I'd like to thank the Friends of St. Joseph's for the efforts in the last twelve months in raising much needed funds for school. As well as doing this, I'd like to invite parents to join the FOSJ and get involved. We're always very happy to welcome new ideas, so please let me know if you'd like to help. Thank you!



## Car Parking

I'd like to remind everyone that, unless you have permission from school, you shouldn't be using either the driveway or the staff car park at the beginning and end of school. There needs to be access at all times for delivery vehicles and for pupil transport minibuses, as well as for emergency vehicles if this was ever needed. We will shortly be locking the electronic gates at the bottom of the drive, so please ensure that you park away from the school site and safely as well. There shouldn't be any vehicles on the zig-zags or in the bus bay on Grosvenor Road. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe.



## Milk for Key Stage Two

We'd like to remind parents that milk is available for the children in Years Three to Six. This can be arranged through the school office if you'd like your children to get a carton of milk every day. If you're interested in setting this up, please speak to Mrs Elson who will be happy to sort it out for you.



## Voluntary Contribution Scheme

Due to the generosity of families joining our Voluntary Contribution Scheme (VCS), to which we offer our grateful thanks, we have been able to have a partial rewire of the Infant Block. We have been able to access additional government funding of around £30,000, due to the fact that the VCS has allowed us to pay the 10% liability on the project that we have to be able to pay in order to get the additional funds. For the future, we need to access funds for rewiring the rest of the Infant Block, as well as reroofing the school (with the exception of the Infant Hall which has already been done). If you haven't already done so, please consider joining the VCS so that we can access these extra government funds.



### **Sports Club Attendance**

We have a number of sports clubs, mainly free of charge, for the children to attend. Please could I ask that parents let us know if either their child is unable to attend for a particular week or if they've decided not to continue taking part. If the latter is the case then we would be able to offer the place to someone else. We receive over £9000 Sports Premium funding from the government and need to ensure that it is used in the best way possible.



### **Litter at School**

Could I please ask for everyone's support in keeping the outside of our school neat and tidy. I did a Health and Safety walk with our H&S Governor yesterday and there is a lot of litter around the school site. I'd be very grateful if everyone was careful to ensure that any litter from, for example, sweets or drinks is taken home or put in the bin.



### **Diary Dates**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December Year One and Year Two Theatre Visit  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Street Dance Performance  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Non-Uniform / Christmas Jumper Day in Aid of Take Hope Yorkshire  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Grotto with Father Christmas  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.10am Miss Barnes' Class Mass in Church  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 11am Visit from Take Hope Yorkshire Directors  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Class Christmas Parties (afternoon)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm December Christmas Carol Concert in Church  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm School Closes for the Christmas Holidays  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 8.45am School Opens for the Spring Term  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 9.10am Mr Fawcett's Class Mass in Church

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