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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I understand we could be expecting some adverse weather conditions towards the end of this week and I would like to advise our procedure in the event of unavoidable school closure. We will initially send a text on the day to your mobile (by 8am). We will also put an update on our website www.st-josephs.tameside.sch.uk and advise the update line at Key 103. Therefore it is vital if you have recently changed or updated your mobile number to advise the school office of this immediately please.

Please find listed below information in relation to Christmas events happening in school. With regards to our productions could I respectfully remind all parents not to take any photographs or film during the plays/carol service. You are more than welcome to take photographs of your child when their play/carol service has finished.

Additional Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th December 11am -12pm Nursery and parents Christmas decoration making.
If your child normally attends a full day in Nursery you are more than welcome on this day to attend the decorating workshop and then go home at 12pm.

Wednesday 13th December 2pm - 3pm (Whole School) Reception to Year 6 parents Christmas decoration making.

Could all parents who would like to attend these workshops please come to the school office and sign in accordingly. Please allow enough time to be signed in and escorted into main school for the 11am and 2pm start times. Thank you.

Thursday 14th December Dress Rehearsal (am) for EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play.

Further Information on Newsletter Diary Dates

Friday 8th December Key 103 Christmas Jumper Day for Mission Christmas.
Wear a Christmas/Decorated Jumper for a £1 Donation.

Thursday 14th December KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Service in Church at 6.30pm. All KS2 children to attend with their parent and be in church for no later than 6.20pm. Children must come to church in full school uniform. All parents, family and friends are welcome to attend.

Friday 15th December

EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play.

9.20am Nursery and Reception Nativity play for parents.
10am Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity play for parents.

Overall approx. 9.20am start time and approx. 11.20am finish time. Please feel free to go and sit in the hall as soon as you have brought your child to school. You will be entertained whilst the children are getting changed with songs from our KS2 Choir and our Latin Club children. Please allow no more than 2 persons (per child) to come along and watch for health and safety reasons. Please try and allow enough time to watch both plays as it can be disrupting to the children if you leave immediately after the EYFS Nativity Play. Please note there are no tickets for this event and programmes will be available for a small donation.

Friday 15th December

Christmas Festive Lunch for Reception to Year 6 children. Children will be eating their lunch in a Christmas setting and will receive a Christmas cracker.

Monday 18th December

Christmas Parties (am) for Nursery to Year 6 and Whole School Visit to Aladdin Pantomime, George Lawton Hall (1pm-3pm). Children can come into school in their party clothes and stay in them all day. Our original letter for pantomime did state children to wear school uniform to the pantomime but it is just not practical to be changing clothes on this day.

If you are a Nursery parent and you are taking your child home at lunchtime on pantomime day and would like to meet us at the George Lawton Hall with your child the pantomime will start at 1pm. Please could Nursery parents who will be leaving from St. Joseph's with their child come to the Nursery entrance for 12.40pm. Could all Nursery children and parents sit together in their designated area and please note that if your child has siblings in main school they will not be able to sit with you and must stay with their class and their class teacher.

No children will be allowed to go home from the George Lawton Hall. All children will return to school and be dismissed at the end of the school day as normal.

Tuesday 19th December

Mass in Church at 10am. All welcome to attend.

Wednesday 20th December

School Closes at 2pm

Thursday 4th January

School re-opens

Kind regards,
Mrs Irene Williams
Headteacher