



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you all a very peaceful, restful and joyous Christmas. We know it won't quite be the same this year but our prayers are with each and every-one of you. We look forward to seeing you all on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January as we move into 2021 which we hope and pray will be a better year for us all.

## PTFA

Despite the ongoing difficulties, we would like to say a big thank you to all the efforts from the PTFA in continuing to raise funds for the school. We have all enjoyed our virtual cake of the week raffles and we appreciate all the support from 'The Butchers Block' for providing the cakes and the meat pack for the Christmas raffle. The PTFA are always thinking of new and innovative things to do. If you would like to get involved then please contact Frances Gale at: frances.gale@rocketmail.com

Cake of the week : Mia Year 1

Meat raffle first prize: Ronnie Year 1

meat raffle second prize: Kianna Year 1

## Christmas Plays & Other Performances

All class performances should be available to view on your child's class page from this afternoon.

## COVID news update

We sent out a separate e mail to all parents re the need to e mail the school office up to and including the 24<sup>th</sup> of December if your child receives a positive COVID test. Should this happen we will assess (according to Government guidelines) whether or not anyone else in the school community will need to self-isolate and we will contact those persons. It is really important that we all do our bit to keep everyone safe. Please see the school website for any further Government updates. The staggered Term 3 start in the New Year only applies to secondary schools and special schools at this time.

## Community news

### Wildlife Trusts: '12 Days Wild' at Christmas

12 Days Wild is our mini Christmas challenge, encouraging you to do **one wild thing a day from the 25th December to the 5th January**. In those weird days between Christmas and New Year, winter wildlife is just waiting to be explored! Your wild acts could be little things to help nature - like recycling your Christmas tree or feeding the birds – or ways to connect to the natural world, like walking off your Christmas dinner in the woods or admiring the beauty of a winter sunset.

[https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/12dayswild?utm\\_source=30+Days+Wild+2020+-+individual%2Ffamily&utm\\_campaign=3381506d42-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_12\\_09\\_02\\_48&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_e28fd68ae4-3381506d42-148591364](https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/12dayswild?utm_source=30+Days+Wild+2020+-+individual%2Ffamily&utm_campaign=3381506d42-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_12_09_02_48&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e28fd68ae4-3381506d42-148591364)

## Follow the Star Treasure Hunt

Between 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December characters from the Christmas Story will be hiding in a variety of locations including shops, cafés and churches in Portishead. Come and join the hunt to see if you can find them. There will be 40 venues taking part, from the Corner Café on the High Street to Mokoko on the Marina. Each will have one or more characters in their window or outside. How many can you find? Download a map and a list of characters from the Portishead Churches Together Facebook page or [www.gvc.org.uk/followthestar](http://www.gvc.org.uk/followthestar)

## A Message from St Joseph's Church - CAFOD CAROL SERVICE Monday 21st December at 4pm

As we are sadly not able to meet in person to share our Carol Services this year, the parish are inviting us all to meet on Zoom to share the story of Christ's coming with scripture, Carol-singing and artwork over the internet. In the service we will focus on one aspect of CAFOD's recent efforts and you can donate on their website if you wish. We would really love your child(ren) to be a part of this.

If Early Years and KS1 children could dress as a Nativity character and parents send in a photo to Richard – [richardvpoole@hotmail.com](mailto:richardvpoole@hotmail.com) - that would be great. If there are any KS2 children who would like to send in pictures of any part of the Nativity story (e.g. shepherds hearing of the birth of Jesus), please email Tom - [tafosman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tafosman@hotmail.co.uk) with the photographed pic.

If you would like to be present for this service online, please email Deacon Didier to request a Zoom Invitation on [didier.delaplace@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:didier.delaplace@cliftondiocese.com)

School will reopen for an INSET day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of January  
**Pupils will be back into school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

God Bless

Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath

