

At St Joseph's we Love, Learn and Live by the example of Jesus Christ

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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**FRIDAY, 17TH DECEMBER 2020**

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Dear Parents/Carers

As I write this last newsletter of 2020, I have been reflecting on what an extraordinary year it has been! This time last year I don't think any of us thought we would ever be in a situation like this. These last nine months have presented us with many challenges and caused a great deal of upset and worry for many families. Even though the road hasn't always been smooth, I think we have come together as a community to help and support each other in any way we can; showing the true spirit of St. Joseph's and, once again, highlighting to me what a privilege it is to be the Headteacher of such an amazing school. These words from Pope Francis say it much better than I do!

*'Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.'*

I hope you all enjoyed the Reception and KS1 Christmas Play and the KS2 Carol Concert. Obviously they could not be done in the usual way, but the staff were determined to put them on for the children.

Finally, all that is left for me to do is to say a big thank you for all your support and kind words, especially in these last couple of weeks - they have made a big difference!

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and holy Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you back on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021** for what I hope will be a more normal year!

God bless,

**Mr Briggs**  
**Headteacher**



### Important Dates

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| Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021                              | - Academy INSET Day – <b>School Closed</b> |
| <b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>                       | - <b>Children return</b>                   |
| Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 | - Half Term                                |
| Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021                              | - End of Term                              |
| Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021                               | - Children return                          |

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS RECEPTION 2021 (DOB: 01/09/2016-31/08/2017)**

##### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Application forms are now available on our School Website. The closing date for receipt of applications is:-  
**15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

Please remember to also complete the London Borough of Harrow form online by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

If you have any queries regarding admissions, please see Mr Briggs.

Thank you

#### **A VERY BIG THANK YOU!!**

All the staff at St Joseph's would like to thank you, the parents, for the lovely Christmas gifts and cards you have sent in. They are very much appreciated!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many thanks.

#### **FRIENDS' NEWS**

We are delighted to announce that the recent 'Break the Rules' day raised the fantastic sum of **£1,211.95!**

We would like say a big 'thank you' to all our pupils and parents for making such a great effort to support this very worthwhile fundraising event. A good day was had by all!

The school is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all pupils, and if staff see signs which suggest that one of the pupils may have been the victim of abuse, staff will (as is required by law) follow the procedures laid down by the Area Child Protection Committee. N.B. Such action in no way infers that any parent/carer or other individual is being accused of wrong-doing. A full version of the school's Child Protection Policy is available upon request.