



To follow Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

Newsletter No.8

Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear Parents,

*This is the last letter of 2020, on behalf of all the staff, thank you for your kind Christmas wishes, cards and gifts.
We are lucky to have such wonderful children and supportive families.
We wish you a Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas break.*

Congratulations to last week's award winner. The awards were as follows:

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award	Y1E	Lining Up award	Y1L
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	FYB	The Attendance Award	Y2M

This week's award winner. The awards are as follows:

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award	YY5Gi	Lining Up award	Y3T
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y6L	The Attendance Award	Y3T and Y5Ga, both with 100% attendance

KS1 Nativity

A huge well done to Year 2, who delivered an excellent Nativity performance, under somewhat different circumstances this year. Due to Covid restrictions we had to rethink how we would deliver the important message, of the real meaning of Christmas. Year 2 did a fantastic job acting out the Nativity story and we were also very proud of Foundation Year and Year One who used Makaton to sign to 'Away in a Manger' and 'Silent Night'. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who had an input into the Nativity! You will be able to find the Nativity on our St Joseph's YouTube channel. A ParentMail link has already been sent to parents of children in KS1.

Christmas Pantomime and Parties

On Wednesday 16th December the children were treated to a virtual Pantomime 'Robin Hood and His Socially Distanced Men!' The children were very excited to watch this and laughed a lot, which was fantastic to see. The excitement didn't end there, as we then celebrated with Christmas Parties (in our classes and following Covid rules). The children took part in games, dancing (all within their bubbles) and also had a lovely bag of treats, kindly gifted by the PTA. We would like to thank the PTA for their generosity in paying for the treat bags and bringing smiles to all of the children's faces. Year 4, please don't worry, we have kept your treat bags safe for when you return in January!

Mrs Leahy - We have welcomed back Mrs Leahy to Year 5 this week after her maternity leave. We are sure she has planned lots of wonderful lessons for the start of the Spring term.

Mrs Chambers - We wish Mrs Chambers good luck as her maternity leave commences in early January - today is therefore her final day with the children. We wish her well in these last few weeks over the Christmas period.

Mr Lynch - The Governors have appointed Mr Lynch as the Assistant Principal (maternity Cover) from January until Mrs Chambers return in October. Y6L will be being taught by Mrs D Smith, a very experienced Y6 teacher of many years, she has already been teaching in the school since September- I am sure Y6 will welcome her as their teacher.

Class Names Changes

There have been a few changes of teacher to classes this year, due to maternity leaving and returning etc.. therefore to avoid any confusion for the children we are renaming those classes to reflect the teachers SURNAME INITIAL:

Y1L- Mrs Sheils' class will be called **Y1S**

Y1E- Mrs Gray's class will be called **Y1G**

Y5Gi - Miss Gibbons class will be taught by Mrs Leahy - **Y5L**

Y5Ga- Miss Gamlens' class will be **Y5G**

Y6L- Mr Lynch's class will be taught by Mrs Smith - **Y6S**



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Smart Watches with Camera Devices

With Christmas and new presents in mind, please can we remind all children and parents that watches with a camera device are strictly not allowed in school, for obvious safeguarding reasons - it is our priority to keep everybody safe. As previously mentioned fitness watches such as 'fitbits' are permitted as these do not have a camera device, however the school accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to these items.

Crossing Warden Advert

Please see the advert attached at the end of this newsletter.

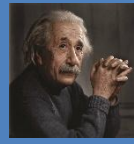
Cultural Capital for December

Musician of the Month – George Walker (Composer)

Artist of the Month - Jackson Pollock

Word of the Month – Everlasting

Inspirational Person of the Month - Albert Einstein



Have a very Happy Christmas, from all of the staff here at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Advent



I will do what God asks

Mary loved God so much that she was ready to do whatever he asked of her.

Trusting him completely and always ready to please him she agreed to become the mother of his son, Jesus

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs N Hill
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Acting Vice Principal



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School Crossing Patrol Warden needed

Pro Rata £18,562 - £20,493 (*Part time £9.75 per hour*)

8hrs per week – St Josephs RC School Tamworth Road

You will assist at places where children/adults cross roads on their way to and from school (or on their way from one part of a school to another) during the prescribed hours, ensuring their safe passage, and will also be responsible for reporting any problems encountered to supervisors.

- You will need to be caring, reliable and must have good verbal communication skills to enable you to communicate effectively with a range of people in differing situations.
- You will need to be available term time mornings and afternoons during the school run.
- All leave must be taken in school holidays.
- Successful applicants will be provided with a uniform and training.
- A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be undertaken.

Application Forms can be completed online: <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/68417/school-crossings-patrol-warden/>

Vacancies can be found on 'View all Birmingham City Council Vacancies on WM Jobs Website'.

Any Questions Call School Crossings on 0121 303 7777

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