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Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parent's and Carers,

It has been another busy week for the children at St Joseph's as we prepare for Christmas while also continuing our learning. To highlight a few learning activities; Year 6 have been busy investigating Shadows, Year 5 have been writing balanced arguments, Year 4 have been busy writing about the Pied Piper of Hamelin, Year 3 have been learning about the Annunciation, Year 2 have been busy learning their lines and refining their acting skills and Year 1 and Foundation have been busy making Christmas decorations and getting glittery!

The children's behaviour in school has been exceptional and I would like to congratulate them for this. However, I am increasingly aware that some children are participating in online activities at home with their friends which is beginning to have a negative impact on their behaviour at school. Please may I ask that you are extra vigilant and know what they are doing. May I also ask that you monitor what they are sharing and saying to each other. I know how hard this can be, but this will help to keep them safe.

On Wednesday Mrs Sarah Rankine (Governor) came into school to collect a selection of the children's Christmas Art which will be displayed in the church throughout the season. Thank you, Sarah, for displaying this for us. Please do visit Church to look at their creations; Work will also be displayed in the school Hall. The Children have also sent Father John cards with messages of Love.

Persistent Absence remains a concern, 16% of children at St Joseph's are persistently absent, this means that their attendance is currently below 90% in comparison to 17% Nationally. Thank you all for working with us as we keep working hard at tackling persistent absence.

Finally, I'd like to thank the school Choir for their fabulous performance last Friday evening at De Montfort Hall. They were incredible and made me feel very proud to be their head teacher. They performed the Christmas Version of Hallelujah, the original written by Leonard Cohen, it was beautiful. I would also like to thank them for performing to the residents of the Vishram Ghir Home. You were brilliant and our neighbours really enjoyed your concert. Thank You.

Once again, I have included a table of the next 10 school days and events that the children will be participating in. Have a lovely restful weekend.

God Bless
Mrs Dedman

11 th Dec	12 th Dec	13 th Dec	14 th Dec	15 th Dec
EYFS Dress Rehearsal (Children to watch)		EYFS Nativity (EYFS Parent/Adults Invitation)	Travelling Crib to arrive at school	Year 5/6 class Assembly
18 th Dec	19 th Dec	20 th Dec	21 st Dec	22 nd Dec
Christmas Carols with Lucy Children only	Christmas Dinner Day (Children Only) Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children £1 Donation)	KS1 Nativity (Key Stage 1 Parent / Adults Invitation) Tea and coffee available from 9am Performance @ 9.30am	Christmas Disco PTA FS1 / 2 & KS1 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. KS2 6.15 - 7.15 p.m.	

Is my child too ill for school?

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Mild anxiety guidance

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school - not just children's learning but their wellbeing and wider development. But, for some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others. This helpful guide encourages parents to actively work with their child's school if a pupil is worried about attending due to issues at home, in the classroom or playground.

[DfE external document template \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](http://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

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