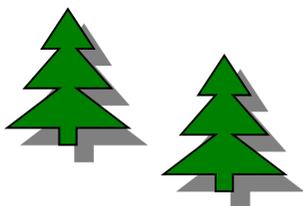


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Dear Parents,

REMEMBER

- School closes today at 1.30pm .
- School reopens at 8.40am on Thursday 5th January 2017

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2016

8.40am. School reopens	5
9:15 Year 3 Mass (Chapel)	11
Y2 Trip to Museum of London	12
9:00 Y5S Class Assembly	18
9:00 Y3T Class Assembly	25

FEBRUARY

9:00 Y1S Class Assembly	1
Year 6 Mass—Chapel	8
Break up for Half term	9
INSET DAY— NO SCHOOL	10
School reopens	20
9:00 Y6S Class Assembly	22



Another year is drawing to a close and the children and staff have all been extremely busy. It was lovely to see you all during the last few weeks for

the various Christmas performances – Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 and the Y6 Carol Service with Y5 supporting. The children really enjoyed learning all the readings, songs and carols, and put on some wonderful performances. Many thanks to you, our parents, for helping them to learn their words and to all the dedicated staff of the school who have all been preparing the children for the past few weeks.



Hark the Herald Angels

Charity Fundraising

Thank you for your great support for our charity appeals— the sale of poppies raised £86 for the Royal British Legion, and we received a lovely letter of thanks from them. The Christmas Carol service raised £183.00 which will be sent to **The Passage** (Catholic charity for the homeless).



Westminster Cathedral

Our Y6 children attended the annual Westminster Cathedral Carol Service on Wednesday, 7th December and brought along a donation to the **Catholic Children's Society**. It was a very special occasion attended by many schools and a wonderful start to the Christmas celebrations ahead.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for the first half of the Spring 2017 term will be **£55.90** if paying in advance. If paying weekly, please pay **£10.75** on a Monday morning. This saves unnecessary follow-up texts. Our preferred method of payment is online using your personalised link code. Many thanks for your cooperation!

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the book fair this year. The book fair is a wonderful opportunity for the children to browse new titles and then to choose a favourite to buy. When books are bought at the fair by the children/parents, the school are given rewards to spend on new books to re-stock our Library, so we really do appreciate your support of this event. This year, due to your generosity in supporting the book fair, we raised £1,273 which will be spent on buying new books for all the classes.

Uniform

Please remember that children must wear regulation full school uniform— there are many variations of different coloured hats/coats/jackets/bags/scarves which have crept in and are **not allowed** so please use the Christmas holidays to ensure that your child is properly dressed for school. If in any doubt, please refer to the school website: www.stjps.org/school-life/uniform.htm where there is full information on acceptable uniform items. Do remember that girls' tights/socks can only be navy or white and

black and white trainers are for PE only and not as daily school shoes. Hair accessories also must be plain navy or white. Thank you for all your support!

Swimming—Year 4

Parents in Year 4 please note: swimming for pupils in Year 4 classes will begin on Friday 13th January. Further information will be coming home in January. Get your kit ready—(swimming caps obligatory for boys and girls).



Governor News

The governing body is pleased to announce that, following the recent election, Mrs. Marilyn Amareteifio has been elected as parent governor.

Christmas Parties

Pupils enjoyed a tasty Christmas dinner, complete with crackers, this week. Their Christmas jumpers today were very festive and colourful indeed—as were the staff's! Nursery and Infant children also had their parties this week, rounded off with a visit from Father Christmas!

Extra-Curricular activities

The after-school clubs will be starting again in January— please check the website for full information — as there will be an opportunity to register for clubs the first week back. These are extra-curricular and payment must be made in advance or after Christmas. Thank you.

Appointments during school time

Whenever possible please make medical/dental appointment out of school time. If this is not possible, please ensure that your child is at school in time for registration, both in the morning and after lunch. This means that your child must be in school **until 9.30 am** in the morning and must not leave school **before 2.00 pm** in the afternoon. If your child is not at school for registration, it will be recorded as an absence on your child's attendance record.

Please use Inset Days for making non urgent appointments. For your information there is another Inset Day on Friday, 10th February (the day before half-term).

Birthday Book Donations

Given the government initiative to cut back on children's unhealthy intake of sugar, we are promoting a 'Birthday Book Donation' scheme at St Joseph's. The Reception classes are already successfully doing this. On the day of your child's birthday, instead of spending money on bags of sweets and cakes, all you need to do is **buy one book** which can be donated to your child's class. If you would like to, you can come in and read the book or part of the book to the children and we will make sure the book is named as a donation from your child. Any sweets sent in for children's birthdays from the Spring 2017 term, will have to be returned.

On behalf of all the staff and children may I thank you for your generous gifts and I wish you all a very safe, peaceful and joyous Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. I. Ciapryna

Headteacher



Christ is born!