

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Nursery Newsletter



Spring Term 1  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

We wish all of our families a very Happy New Year 2017! We hope that this will be a very exciting and fun-filled year for all of our lovely Nursery children!

### Religious Education



#### The Feast of the Epiphany

This week we will be learning about the story of the visit of the Three Kings to the Baby Jesus.

The children will be encouraged to think about the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, given to Jesus. During your prayer times together, please talk about this wonderful Feast with your child. Take time to talk about the reasons why we give gifts, eg. to show our love for others or to say thank you. What are the gifts that we can give Jesus?

### Song of the week

We will be learning a new verse for our Nursery Lullaby.

*We are just children, we have been told,  
Kings brought you incense and myrrh and gold,  
You are so special, You will be King.  
We have no presents but we can sing...  
La la la lullaby, lullaby la lou, La la la lullaby,  
Jesus for You.*

### Social Skills



During this term in Nursery, we will be introducing a Social Skills programme called 'PALS'.

Developing good social skills is a key area of development for young children which impacts on all other aspects of their learning.

We will be teaching key skills, such as greeting others, taking turns, sharing, making friends, identifying feelings and asking for help.

You will be receiving an introductory letter regarding the 'PALS' programme, which will give you more information. If you have any questions, or just wish to know more, please speak to Mrs Roche, Mrs McDonnell or any member of the Nursery Team.

### Supporting learning at home

**Making Crowns to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany.**

Read a simple story about the Epiphany at home.

Talk to your child about Kings and Queens and the fact that they wear crowns on special occasions.

**Exploring numerals**



Go on a number hunt with your child. Count a group of objects. Who can find corresponding numeral? Or pick a numeral and see who can find the correct number of objects.

### Reminder

Please remember to bring back any spare clothes for your child's shoe box. Thank you!