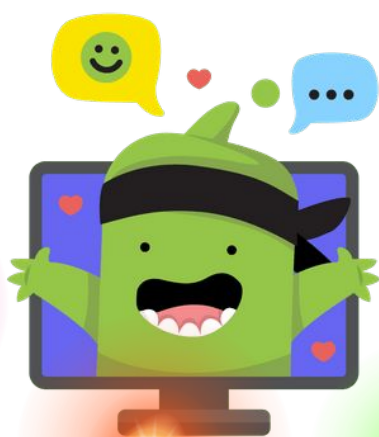




**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

# **Newsletter**

**6th December 2021**



**Contact us:**

**admin@sjna.uk**

**01626 352559**

**ClassDojo**

**St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.**

**Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne**

**Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson**

**Named Governor for Child Protection: Stephen Riedlinger**

# Stars of the Week



Rhys

Gracie-Rose

Daniel



Archie

India

Jonah



Felix

Sam

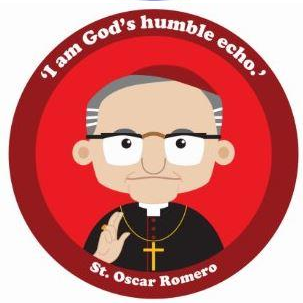
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Robin

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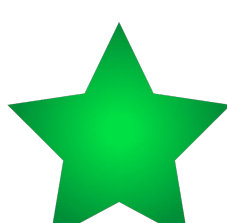
Joseph



Rosie

Cassey

Suzan



# Dates for your diary

**Date**

**Event**

10 Dec Rec/Y1 Nativity (covid permitting)

10 Dec Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

15 Dec Christmas Dinner Day  
(please order online by 8th Dec)



15 Dec Rudolph Run for Rowcroft

16 Dec No crossing patrol - pm only

17 Dec End of Autumn Term

5 Jan Start of Spring Term



**St Teresa Class - remaining  
swimming lessons this term  
are cancelled.**



**We have featured in the Newton Abbot Learning Community Newsletter.**

**'School in Focus'**  
by Ian Patchett



**St Joseph's Catholic Primary school have made a strong start to the academic year as they look to embed themselves back into the DSSP's various festivals and competitions following the long period we have been without this provision. When visiting the school it is great to see the enthusiasm, confidence and competence that their students have when taking part in PE lessons. Lots of their students clearly really enjoy the benefits of physical education.**



**More recently, St Joseph's have increased their attendance at events where they have also experienced success.**

**On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Newton Abbot College hosted a Years 3/4 Flier netball competition where teams from St Joseph's Primary school finished in first and second place.**

**The school have now developed an ethos of ensuring that they are able to attend events with the associated benefits now having an impact. I now look forwards to continuing to work alongside the school as we aim to look strategically at the PE and sports provision moving forwards.**







**Dig out your Christmas jumper,  
add some festive sparkle and let's  
do something great to help other  
children in need.**



**Donate online [here](#) or bring in  
your money on the day.**





# CHILDREN'S CHOCOLATE RAFFLE



We are collecting donations of Christmas chocolates and selection packs for our annual festive fun.

The more, the merrier! Thank you.





LET'S  
WALK TO  
SCHOOL

**WOW** the WALK  
TO SCHOOL  
challenge

2021/22

**Children are logging their journeys to and from school in a bid to earn December's badge.**

**Please try to make at least one sustainable journey to school each week.**



**All of our individual small changes will make a big difference.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**WALK FOR  
THE WORLD**

**2021-22  
WOW BADGES**

**NOVEMBER  
2021**



**DECEMBER  
2021**



**JANUARY  
2022**



**FEBRUARY  
2022**



**MARCH  
2022**



**APRIL  
2022**



**MAY  
2022**



**JUNE  
2022**



**JULY  
2022**





# **Our Travelling Crib project**

**Mary and Joseph are continuing their journey around our homes.**

**Please send in photos via ClassDojo or email the school office.**

**#Advent2021**



## **COVID UPDATE: Advice to Parents - warn and inform**

*The full letter is posted on ClassDojo.*

**We have been advised by UKHSA that there has been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school setting.**

**We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are providing the following advice.**

**Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

**The school setting remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.**



**We encourage household members that are aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.**

**If you think your child is a close contact but has not been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace then they should take a PCR test.**

**Further guidance can be found at [Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)**

**Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying Covid symptoms.**

**DO YOU  
NEED HELP  
WITH FOOD  
AND UTILITY  
COSTS THIS  
WINTER?**

**SUPPORT**

- Over 16 years old
- Devon resident
- Struggling financially

**>>> VISIT [DEVON.CC/HOUSEHOLDSUPPORT](https://devon.cc/householdsupport)**



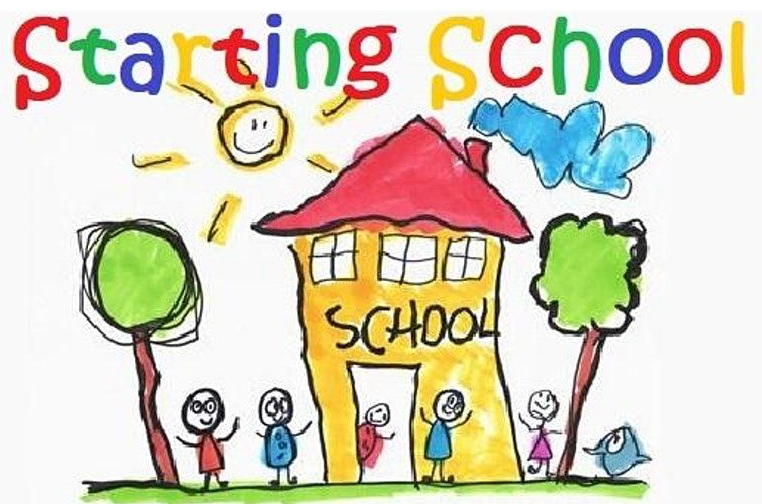
If your child receives  
free school meals

Look out for a letter or  
email this week about how  
to access supermarket  
vouchers for the holidays



If you didn't previously qualify for free school meals, but your income has recently reduced or stopped, please apply online through DCC website or call the education helpline on 0345 155 1019 to check if you are eligible for this support as soon as possible, and **before Friday 17 December**, in order to receive the holiday vouchers for the Christmas holiday.

# **PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**



**If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 they will be due to start at primary school from September 2022.**

**You will be able to apply for a primary school place between 15 November 2021 and 15 January 2022.**

**You will be able to apply online using the Citizen's Portal. If you do this the local authority will notify you of the outcome of your application by email on 19 April 2022. This is the most preferable way to make an application.**

**<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>**





# THE ROWCROFT RUDOLPH RUN

## WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER



**DONATE HERE**

**We are grabbing our antlers and holding our very own Rowcroft Rudolph Run on Wednesday 15th December for Rowcroft Hospice.**

**Each child taking part has been given their very own Rudolph Run fundraising pack with all they need and their all-important reindeer antlers! Also included is a Rowcroft Hospice sponsor form to gather sponsorships that will go to the charity.**

**Children will already be in their Christmas Jumpers for our Christmas Dinner, but please ensure everyone has their antlers and red noses for the run. Each class will take part at different times during the day.**



# Peace

A voice of one  
crying out  
in the desert,  
Prepare the way  
of the Lord

Matthew 3:3



mbeddedfaith.org





# Enjoy the Cafod Family Advent Calender with your children.



Click on the calender below.

