



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

11th December 2020



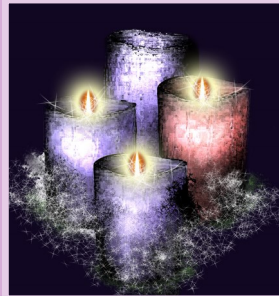
Dear Jesus,

Thank you that you  
love us and gave us  
your son Jesus.

Thank you for your  
forgiveness when we do things wrong.  
Help us to love others in the ways we  
think, speak and act.

Help us to make space in our hearts and  
minds for you this Advent.

Amen



## LAST DAY OF TERM

As you may have seen, the DfE announced that schools can designate Friday 18th December as a *late notice* Staff Training Day; close to pupils, and lose one of the remaining training days later in the year.

PlymouthCAST Trust does not feel that this gives parents enough notice of an unforeseen school closure day, that it is good use of valuable professional development time, or that it will necessarily alleviate pressure on school leaders to engage with the *Test and Trace* System.

Therefore St Joseph's Catholic Primary will **remain open on the 18<sup>th</sup> December**, and close for the Christmas holidays as previously planned.



Public Health  
England

## Contact Tracing during the Christmas Holidays

Public Health England have stated that schools need to have a point of contact for contact tracing purposes after the end of term.

For the first 6 days after school ends, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, please inform the school by email to [covid@sjna.uk](mailto:covid@sjna.uk)

Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school **should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Please note that the [covid@sjna.uk](mailto:covid@sjna.uk) email account will not be checked after 24th December. If there is a positive COVID case during the Christmas holidays parents will receive a Dojo message from school advising them to self isolate and what the period of self isolation should be.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

**Next newsletter: Friday 15th January 2021**

All newsletters are available on the school website.

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# Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars

<b>St Francis</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>Frankie</b>
<b>St Clare</b>	<b>Alfie</b>	<b>Gracie</b>
<b>St Vincent</b>	<b>Emiy</b>	<b>Leo</b>
<b>St Teresa</b>	<b>Patrick</b>	<b>Joseph</b>
<b>St Oscar Rom.</b>	<b>Riley</b>	<b>Daisy</b>

## Christmas Jumper

Our Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December.



Children are welcome to wear their festive jumper to school on this day as part of their school uniform.

## STAFF CHANGES

We say goodbye to Mrs Soby and wish her and her family all the very best of luck for their new life on the Isle of Wight.

We welcome Miss Bleasdale-Mortimore who has been appointed as a Class Teacher for January 2020.

Miss James begins her maternity leave on Monday 4th January. We wish her well and look forward to news of the safe birth of her baby.

**Class attendance since September.** (Does not include COVID absences)



<b>St Francis</b>	<b>95.4%</b>
<b>St Clare</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>St Teresa</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
<b>St Oscar Romero</b>	<b>96.7%</b>

## 'Friends of St Josephs' CHILDREN'S CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

Thank you so much for all your donations for the children's Chocolate Raffle.

There is still time to send donations in as we are receiving donations up to Monday 14th December.



## Primary Admissions 2021/22

**Was your child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?** Applications can be made from 15th November 2020 for a primary school place for September 2021. You must apply for your child's school place by **15th January 2021**. If you apply after this date, the application will be considered late.

You can apply for a school place online at:

[devon.cc/admissionsonline](https://devon.cc/admissionsonline)

Please ensure that the Supplementary Form (available from the school office) for this school is returned to the school office by 15th January 2021. Without this form your child may be lower in the priorities for admission and risk not getting a place at St Joseph's School.

Dates	
<b>16th December</b>	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumpers
<b>18th December</b>	End of Autumn Term
<b>4th January</b>	Spring term starts
<b>12th February</b>	Half Term starts at 3.30pm
<b>23rd February</b>	Children return after half term

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From Wednesday 2nd December, Newton Abbot has been in Tier 2 restrictions. Please help us all to stay safe and keep the school open by continuing to follow the guidelines with your family. The flyer below explains all the restrictions in this tier.



# TIER 2 HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b> <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b> <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b> <p>Open.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b> <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b> <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b> <p>Open.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b> <p>Open.</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b> <p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b> <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b> <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> <p>Open.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b> <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b> <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b> <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b> <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b> <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)



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The staff of  
St. Joseph's wish you  
all a peaceful  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.

Picture by Amelia, Year 1



#### EYFS Nativity

Well done to all the children in Reception who worked so hard to tell the story of the first Nativity. Their wonderful acting was supported by readings from children across the school. Photos will be sent home to



Reception parents. The video will be available to view on the school website.

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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

**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: Tim Van Kroonenburg