



## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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and Loving  
together with  
Christ*

Friday 1 December 2023

Dear Families,

As we run up to Christmas, I thought it would be useful to share a further update on school life and upcoming events.

### **CHRISTMAS EVENTS:**

Here is a reminder of our scheduled Christmas events



<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>CLASS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
Christmas Unwrapped	Y1, Y2, Y3	28/11/23	9:15am
School Mass	Whole school	29/11/23	10:00ama
Christmas Unwrapped	Y4, Y6	06/12/23	9:15am
Carols at the Cathedral	Y5	06/12/23	10:00am
Christmas Performance	EYFS	14/12/23	09:45am
Christmas Party	EYFS	18/12/23	01:00pm
Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	19/12/23	11:45am
Christmas performance	Y1, Y2	19/12/23	9:30am
Carol Service- St Joseph's Church	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	21/12/23	10:00
Christmas Party	Y4, Y5, Y6	20/12/23	1:15pm
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### **ATTENDANCE:**

Our attendance has been low in the last two weeks. We are currently just below the national average as a school. We are at the time of year where we have lots of colds and bugs and we recognise our younger children in particular will be tired. However, we need to balance that with the very obvious links between good attendance and good outcomes and the children should be in school whenever they possibly can. If your child is too ill to attend, then please inform the school office on the first day of absence.



### **PUNCTUALITY:**

A number of children are often late for school. This is disruptive for them and for the class. Being late often makes a child nervous and affects their ability to learn. Also, we often have our most important lessons at the start of the day as the children are at their freshest. If they miss this, then their progress will be impacted. The school day starts at **8:45am** and it is important that the children are here on time as learning begins at this time. Our day ends at **3:15pm**, however some children are not collected on time. This can be worrying for the children involved. Please contact the office



if you are going to be late at the end of the day or if someone else will be picking up your child. If you have difficulty getting to school at the end of the day then ask about after school clubs which run until 4:15pm.

### **TRAFFIC:**

A lot of children now walk or ride a scooter to school, which is excellent and very good for them. Breakfast Club is also growing in popularity which is excellent and means that less children arrive at school at the same time. If children are driven to school, please could I remind you of my request to park a short distance away from school and then walk the rest of the way. There is no need to drive all the way to the school gates especially right at the beginning or end of the school day.



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The roads around our school are extremely narrow and accidents could easily occur unless we take steps to mitigate this. If you witness dangerous driving around our school, please do not hesitate to report this to the police.

### **ROAD CROSSING PATROL:**



As you will be aware, following the sad death of Elsie Hatton, we have nobody currently crossing the children over Armstrong Road. It is obviously a very busy road at times. I am working with Atkinson Road Primary Academy to see if we can find a solution to replace Elsie's role.

### **PHONE AND DEVICES:**

Lots of our older children have access to phones and devices and you would be amazed at what they are capable of doing! The internet and access to information is a wonderful thing but I would strongly advise parents to keep a continual check on what their children are accessing and posting.

Just to remind you there will be no clubs during the final week of term but they will begin again the first week back.

**School closes on 22/12/23 and reopens Monday 08/01/24.**

Yours Sincerely

Mr P A Brown  
Executive Head Teacher

Mrs Rogan  
Head of School