

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Dear Families,**

It was wonderful to see the children arrive in school on Monday in their Odd Socks, thank you everyone. It started a great week at St Joe's, focussing on how to prevent bullying in our school, our town and our world. It starts with each one of us, every word we say, every action we take. We will make our school the best that it can be!



This Saturday, Market Harborough celebrate the annual Christmas lights switch-on. To find out more click [here](#). If you manage to join in the event, then look out for the baubles that each class created, they look fantastic on the tree. Well done everyone!



Thank you for all the wonderful homework projects that have been handed in this week – we are so thrilled with the children's hard work and the fantastic support that they have had at home. If your child has not yet handed their project in, there is still time to do so next week. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you need any support with resources or information – they will be happy to help!

**Non-school uniform on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – please bring items for the toy stall (pre-loved toys and games in good condition).

**Open Classrooms on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – this time we will be focussing on the curriculum.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God bless,  
Mrs Dabbs

Please remember to send your child in to school in their PE kits on the following days:

**Monday:** Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

**Tuesday:** Year 2 and Year 6

**Wednesday:** Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

**Thursday:** Year 4 and Year 5

**Friday:** Foundation (and Year 6 from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November)

**Key dates for your diaries...**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET DAY

School closed for children

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Open Classroom – Curriculum

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Carol Concert at De Monfort Hall

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – OLOV Christmas Bazaar

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Liturgy in the Church Hall followed by tea and mince pies.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas jumper day and school discos in the afternoon.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Last day of the term

**Christmas Holidays**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December** – **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Exposition in school will take place on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** with Fr Chris.

Each class will gather to spend time in prayer.

The whole school will then gather at Our Lady of Victories at **11:30am** for holy Benediction. We warmly invite all parents, family and friends to join us at Church for this beautiful time in prayer.

We hope to see many of you there.



**Christmas Nativity Plays**  
**Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2**



We are happy to announce that our Foundation, Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performances will take place in the Octagonal Hall this year.

Tickets will be allocated nearer the time  
Please keep these dates in your diaries.

**Foundation**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

**Year 1 and 2**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am and 6:30pm\***

\*Please note the start time of the evening performance has been moved from 6pm to 6:30pm.