



St Joseph's **Catholic Academy**



Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Families,

As many of you have heard, MP Neil O'Brien has kindly supported our appeal for somewhere to host our St Joseph's Christmas dinner this year, as our school hall and kitchen remain closed. We have been truly overwhelmed by the generous offers that we have received, and we are thrilled to announce that our Christmas dinner will happen this year and will take place on Monday 18th December 2023.

This has been made possible by the very generous donations from the following organisation:

Venue: Harborough Town Football Club Caterers: Keythorpe Catering Sponsored by: YMD Boon (covering catering costs) **Transport: Provided by Ausden Clarke and Wilsons**

We have been truly moved by the kindness of these companies, who will make it possible for all the children and staff to celebrate Christmas together this year. This will be a wonderful celebration and a perfect opportunity to praise the resilience, the hard work and the determined attitude that our children and staff have shown over this term, following the closure of our hall and kitchen. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible.

PTFA SCHOOL DISCOS

The PTFA will be hosting Christmas Discos for each class on *Thursday 21st December*. All children are invited to come to school on this day in their Christmas jumpers or Christmas themed outfit for a donation. The PTFA will provide refreshments and Christmas treats for the children. The discos will run as follows:

Foundation, Y1 and Y2: 1pm-2pm Year 3 and Year 4: 2pm-3pm

Year 5 and Year 6: 3pm-4pm

On this day we please ask that children bring a £2 donation which will be collected for the CAFOD Advent Appeal.

We warmly invite all our families to the Our Lady of Victories Carol Service on Sunday 10th December at 3pm. Our School Choir will be singing, and it will be followed by mince pies and refreshments in the church hall.

We hope to see many of you at the Church Christmas Bazaar. 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:

(*please note change of day) Monday: Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Tuesday: Year 2 and Year 5* Wednesday: Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Thursday: Year 4 and Year 6* Friday: Foundation and Year 6

Key dates for your diaries...

Saturday 2nd December – OLOV Christmas Bazaar

Monday 18th December – School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 21st December – Christmas Liturgy in the Church Hall at 9:30am followed by tea and mince pies.

Thursday 21st December – Christmas jumper day and school discos in the afternoon.

Friday 22nd December – Last day of the term

Christmas Holidays Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January Return to school on Monday 8th January





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 on the following days in Our Lady of Victories Church – no tickets required.

Foundation

Wednesday 6th December at 2pm Thursday 7th December at 2pm Year 1 and 2 Wednesday 13th December at 2pm Thursday 14th December at 11am and 6:30pm