



Autumn Second Half Term 2019

A copy of this newsletter can be found on our school website

www.washingtonstjosephs.com.

Please put this somewhere safe as it contains a great deal of important information!

Facebook/Twitter/Website

It is increasingly common for schools to use Facebook and Twitter as a form of communication with parents and a way of sharing key events as they happen in school. Remember to visit our school website where you can find everything from policies to class pages.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswashington>

Twitter - stjosephswashington

School and Parish Defibrillator project

Good news! We are pleased to announce our community access defibrillator is now live to 999. We are currently organising training but are aware that no formal training is needed for this as 999 will talk you through it.

Masses and Liturgies

Please come and be part of these celebrations, they are an important part of our school life and your children love seeing you there.

Date	Year Group	Time	Location
Friday 22 nd November	Year 1 Liturgy	9.10am	School Hall
Sunday 24 th November	Youth Sunday - Family Mass	11am	Our Lady's Church
Thursday 5 th December	Year 4 Mass	9.30am	Our Lady's Church
Monday 16 th December	Year 2 - Year 6 Carol Service	2pm	Our Lady's Church

Remembrance Day

Our current Year 6 will plan and lead us in a Whole School Remembrance Day Service on the yard at 9am on **Monday 11th November** weather permitting. Please stay on the yard and join us for our service.

Anti-Bullying

Our new school counsellor, Jennie, will lead our new Bully-Busting Team. A half-day of Anti-Bullying Workshops will take place on Thursday 7th November, led by Jennie. House Groups on Friday 8th November will prepare the children for Anti-Bullying Week. We will celebrate Anti-Bullying Week between Monday 11th and Thursday 14th November. Our anti-bullying Co-Ordinator is Mrs Johnson. This year, we have booked a play called "Bully's Paradise" for Y3-Y6 to reinforce the message of Anti-Bullying Week. Mrs Johnson invites you to wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November to show that although we are all children of God - we are all different! On Thursday 14th November, our KS2 Bully Busters will attend the Children's Anti-Bullying Conference at Washington Academy. As well as this, during this week, each class will prepare a Bully-Busting Rap and new Bully Busters from each KS2 class will be announced.

Payments to school

Payment can be made for clubs, trips, music lessons and school meals by cash, cheque or using the on-line payment system. **Cheques must be made payable to Trinity Catholic MAT.**

Wrap-around Care

Stacey Button (SBCC) telephone 07946490096 for Buttons Breakfast Club

Mrs Muir and Mrs Jacklin via their Village Kidz Facebook page for afterschool childcare

Children in Need- Friday 15th November

To celebrate and fundraise for Children in Need, we invite all children to take part in a non-uniform day - £1. Children are invited to wear sports clothing or Pudsey themed clothes. Our school will take part in the Children in Need Big Morning Move, with Joe Wicks alongside other fundraising games and activities.

Harvest - Washington Food Bank

A huge thank you for your kind donations during our Harvest Collection week. Washington Food Bank at Oxclose Church were hugely grateful and will ensure our donations are distributed to those in need.

Year 6 Faith in Action

This year, with the support of Mrs Murray, Y6 plan to gain their Faith in Action Award pin. Thank you for supporting their first Faith in Action project, the Wednesday Well and Friday juice stall in aid of CAFOD. A total of £164.20 was raised. Well done Y6!

St. Oswald's Fundraiser - Joseph Washington

Thank you for supporting all of our fundraising efforts for St. Oswald's Hospice, through our Elmer Day and farewell weekend raffle we raised a grand total of £ 533.20.

Aldi - Kit for Schools

Many thanks for collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools. You helped us collect 300 stickers to complete our poster and so we will be entered into a draw with a chance to win an exclusive sports kit and £20,000.

Youth Sunday - Christ the King - November Family Mass Sunday 24th November

The theme of this year's Youth Sunday is Significance: You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands. This theme taken from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation to young people. We warmly invite all children and their families to join us in celebrating Youth Sunday at Our Lady's church at 11am. Letters inviting children to take part in the mass will follow shortly.

Attendance

Please see the percentage attendance for the school for the Autumn half-term. The Government target for all children is to attend for a minimum of 95%

Reception	93.84	Year 1	95.32	Year 2	91.85
Year 3	92.67	Year 4	94.33	Year 5	97.89
Year 6	93.06	Whole School	93.98		

Our school bell rings to start our school day at 8.55am and Mrs Black closes the main doors. Children arriving after this time must enter through the main entrance and gain their late mark from the office staff.

Books For Schools

Our school has registered with The Sun newspaper's Books For Schools campaign which gives us the chance to get 100 FREE books! Each school must collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday between Saturday November 23rd and Saturday January 19th. Please ask all families and friends to help us - we love reading at St Joseph's! (There were bonus tokens in The Sun on Saturday 2nd November and The Sun on Sunday 3rd November if you can find them!)

Our Winter themed recommended reading is-

EYFS - Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell

KS1 - The Adventures of Moose and Mr Brown by Paul Smith

KS2 - The Snow Dragon by Abi Elphinstone

School Dinners and Packed Lunches

We are delighted to see so many KS1 pupils having a school lunch however, we cannot accommodate changes between packed lunch and school dinners without two weeks' notice. Lunch money must be paid on a **Monday morning £2.20 per day (£11 per week) in cash or by cheque made payable to Trinity Catholic MAT, in a packet** clearly marked with your child's name and class via your child's class teacher or through our online service at Sunderland City Council website 'Pay for it' <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=7866>. Dinner money will not be accepted at the office. If your child is in KS1 and is having a packed lunch I must inform you that the kitchen can provide a packed lunch as part of the KS1 Free School Meals provision. This year's Christmas lunch is on 6th December 2019.

Author Visit - Helen Peters

We are delighted to welcome Helen Peters, author of *A Piglet called Truffle*, *A Duckling called Button*, *A Kitten called Holly* and *The Farm Beneath the Water*, to our school on Monday 11th November. Helen will speak to Y1-Y4 about her work.

Christmas Fayre - Tuesday 3rd December 3.30-4.30pm

In preparation for our Christmas Fayre, we will be collecting donations of toiletries, alcohol, sweets and chocolate from the week beginning Monday 25th November until Friday 29th November. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

On the day of the Christmas Fayre, all children and staff are invited to take part in a non-uniform day - £1. Everyone is encouraged to get into the Christmas spirit by wearing something festive, e.g. Christmas jumper and tinsel.

Live Simply

We are supporting our parish in working towards CAFOD's 'livesimply' award. The *livesimply* award is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudato Si'* to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". We already do a lot through our paper recycling, battery recycling and use of refillable water bottles in school. This half term the parish invite us to

- *Try to buy ethically produced or fair trade goods
- *Buy Christmas cards without glitter, glittered cards cannot be recycled
- *Remember to take reusable bags when shopping

Christmas Cards

As it was such a huge success last year, Mrs Black will be once again selling Christmas cards for children to buy to send to their class. Buy just one card to send to the whole class for £1.

Last year a parent suggested we supported Sunderland Royal by buying pyjamas and nightwear. We raised a fabulous amount; our Student Council went shopping to Matalan, Year 4 wrapped them, we made cards and they were all gratefully received. Mrs Black will be asking the Mini Vinnies and Student Council for ideas for this year but do you know a worthy cause we can support? Please give Mrs Black a call. Cards will be on sale daily from Monday 2nd December.

Safeguarding

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School safeguards and protects its pupils and staff and is committed to respond in accordance with Sunderland Local Safeguarding children Board procedures. Mrs Black is the Designated Safeguarding Officer and Mr O'Keefe and Mrs Swanston are the Designated Deputy Safeguarding Officers.

Important Dates

Wednesday 6th November - Year 6 Science at St Robert's
Thursday 7th November - Year 2 visit to Castle Keep
Thursday 7th November - Choir to English Martyr's Primary School (Durham Cathedral Practice)
Thursday 7th November - KS2 Anti-Bullying workshop afternoon
Friday 8th November - Anti-Bullying House Groups
Monday 11th November - Saturday 16th November Times Tables Rock Stars Maths Week England Rock Out 2019 competition Year 2- Year 6
Monday 11th November - Thursday 14th November Anti-bullying Week
Monday 11th November - Year 6 Remembrance Service 9am
Monday 11th November - Helen Peters author visit Year 1- Year 4
Tuesday 12th November - Wear odd socks to show we are all different
Tuesday 12th November - 'Bully's Paradise' Y3-Y6
Wednesday 13th November - Year 5 Film Festival 'Horrible Histories'
Thursday 14th November - Anti-Bullying Assembly
Friday 15th November - Children in Need £1 non-uniform day + other fundraising activities
Tuesday 19th November - Year 5 Operation Encompass PSHE, Parent drop-in 8.30 am
Friday 22nd November - Year 1 Liturgy
Sunday 24th November - Youth Sunday Family Mass 11am Our Lady's Church
Monday 25th November -Friday 29th November - Christmas Fair donations week
Toiletries, alcohol, sweets and chocolate
Wednesday 27th November - Year 5 Art session with St Robert's (at St Joseph's)
Wednesday 27th November - Choir at Durham Cathedral
Friday 29th November - Year 5 Art session with St Robert's (at St Joseph's)
Tuesday 3rd December - Christmas Fayre 3.30-4.30 Festive non-uniform day £1 donation
Wednesday 4th December - Rock Steady Christmas Concert 3.30-4.30
Thursday 5th December - Year 4 Mass
Friday 6th December - Christmas Lunch
Monday 9th December - Flu Vaccines
Tuesday 10th December- Nursery Nativity parents/carers welcome 9.30am
Tuesday 10th December - Reception Nativity with Year 1 choir - parents/carers welcome 2pm
Wednesday 11th December- Reception Nativity with Year 1 choir - parents/carers welcome 9.30am
Wednesday 11th December - Pantomime Aladdin
Monday 16th December - Carol Service 2pm in Our Lady's Church - all welcome to join us
Tuesday 17th December - Festive Top Table Tuesday
Tuesday 17th December - Year 3/4/5 Christmas party afternoon
Wednesday 18th December- Nursery Christmas party morning
Wednesday 18th December- Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party afternoon
Thursday 19th December- Reception/Year 6 Christmas party afternoon
Friday 20th December - Annual Christmas Sing-along

Children break up on Friday 20th December and return on Tuesday 7th January as there is a staff INSET day on Monday 6th January.

All dates and times are correct at time of going to print.