



St Joseph's News

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Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

Christmas Celebrations

The school has been very busy this week with preparations for this wonderful time of year when we all look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. We have put up our Christmas trees and decorated the main reception area so we hope all the children and parents are feeling the Christmas spirit at St Joseph's!

There are many traditional events taking place at school during December including our special visit from Santa Claus and the Christmas Spectacular which is taking place on Friday 16 December. Please see the reverse of this newsletter for further details about all the festive events.

School Uniform - Official Hat & Scarf Set

At this time of year, it is sensible for children to wrap up warm to keep out the cold weather! With this in mind, Mrs Titus has been able to source the official school hat & scarf set for a price of £5. This is not only fantastic value for money but will also ensure your child looks smart during the colder months. The sets are available to purchase now from the school office so buy one for your child today!

All other hats and scarves are no longer permitted in line with our uniform policy.

Appeal For Missing Dog

The school has been contacted by a Brent resident who recently lost her dog. His name is Hughie and he was lost on Sunday 27 November in Wembley. He was frightened by an incident and ran off. Hughie is a Chihuahua/Yorkie cross so he is a small dog.

He is a neutered male, 3 years old and grey in colour with white fur by his nose. Hughie is very friendly with adults, children and other dogs but does not like cats! He is also noisy if left alone and a bit of an attention seeker. He was wearing a green camouflage pattern leather collar when he went missing. If you think you have found find him, please call the owner, Mrs Buchanan, on 07949 059061.



Alternatively, you can take Hughie to a vet as he has been micro-chipped which means that a vet will be able to find out if it really is Hughie. Unfortunately, some animals can go missing or, in some cases, they may be abandoned by their owners. If you do find a lost animal, it may be scared so please tell an adult straight away so they can take appropriate action.

Attendance

This week, 332 children from Years 1 to 6 came to school every day and the whole school attendance for the week was 97%. The best class attendance is awarded to Classes 4O, 4K and 5E with 100% attendance all week.

Well done to Classes 3F and 4O who did not receive an official late mark all week and a special 'congratulations' to Class 4O as they attended every day and arrived on time!

School will be closed to pupils on Monday 5 December for INSET (staff training)

Christmas Celebration Events

Please note the following dates for the wonderful Christmas celebrations taking place at St Joseph's:

Date	Event
Wednesday 7 th December 2011	Class RJ (Ms Jones) – Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 8 th December 2011	Nursery – Nativity 9.30am
Friday 9 th December 2011	Santa Claus Photographs
Monday 12 th December 2011	Class RS (Mrs Smith) – Nativity 9.30am
Monday 12 th December 2011	Christmas lunch for the children
Tuesday 13 th December 2011	Class RH (Ms Hughes) – Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 14 th December 2011	KS1 Nativity 9.30am – Year 1 Parents
Thursday 15 th December 2011	KS1 Nativity 9.30am – Year 2 Parents
Friday 16 th December 2011	Children finish School at 1pm Christmas Spectacular at 2pm
Monday 19 th December 2011	KS2 Carol Service at Our Lady of Willesden at 1.30pm
Wednesday 21 st December 2011	Christmas parties and own clothes day
Wednesday 21 st December 2011	Last day of term School finishes at the usual time
Wednesday 11 th January 2012	Pupils return to school

Illness and Medical Appointments

At St Joseph's, we frequently remind parents of the importance of children attending school every day when they are well enough to do so. When your child is very unwell or has a highly contagious condition (for example chicken pox or conjunctivitis) they should be at home. But please remember to call the school before 9.00am so we are aware of the reason for your child's absence. We also appreciate a daily update if your child is absent for more than one day. Please also remember that children should not be at school if they have had diarrhoea or been vomiting in the previous 24 hours.

When your child needs to attend a pre-arranged medical appointment, please ask the GP or hospital if it is possible to have the appointment out of school hours or as late in the afternoon as possible. This really helps to ensure your child can still access their 'core' learning which takes place in the morning and early afternoon sessions.

If your child needs medical attention but you are finding it difficult to arrange a GP appointment, you may wish to attend the Brent Urgent Care Centre. This is located in Central Middlesex Hospital next to the Accident and Emergency Unit. The Urgent Care Centre is staffed by doctors and nurses who are available to see children and adults 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They can treat or help with

- minor illnesses
- cuts and grazes
- minor scalds and burns
- strains and sprains
- bites and stings
- minor head injuries
- ear and throat infections
- minor skin infections / rashes
- minor eye conditions / infections
- stomach pains
- suspected fractures

Please remember that you DO NOT need an appointment to access this service - you can just walk in at a time that is convenient for you and your child.

Message From Father Stephen

All parents wishing to meet Father Stephen with regards to the Primary School Admission forms, should make an appointment to see him when they attend mass this weekend. This is the only way to make an appointment for this purpose.

Christmas Events - Fundraising Reminder

Thank you very much to all the families who have already generously donated items for the Christmas Spectacular. We urgently need more prizes for stalls and raffles and would appreciate items such as bottles of wine, chocolates and tins of biscuits, but please give what you can. Without your support, we will not be able to go ahead with all the planned activities. Please also remember to hand in the Santa Claus photo money by **Wednesday 7 December!**

All fundraising proceeds will help to purchase books and learning resources for the new library.