



St Joseph's News

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In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' **Luke 3:11**

Advent

The Gospel reading on Sunday told of the people who had come to be baptised and asking "What shall we do?".

In response, John the Baptist states that we must share what we have. The tax collectors are told that they must not collect more than they are supposed to and soldiers are told that they must not take money from people to leave them alone and they should be satisfied with their wages.

This reading comes at a time when many of us are excited about the presents we may receive or we could be stressed about what gifts to buy and how we are going to pay for them. John the Baptist reminds us that we should be content with what we have and to share what we can.

Therefore, it is with enormous gratitude that we thank parents, children and families for their generous donations to our three Christmas charities - Catholic Children's Society, Acton Homeless Concern and Salvation Army. Your willingness to bless vulnerable people, particularly at this time, is a merciful response to our community over 2,000 years after John's message.

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously and my prayer is that you will continue to feel the joy of sharing what you can and being content with the blessings we receive.

Mrs Titus
Executive Headmistress

Important Dates

Wednesday 16 December KS1 Christmas Mass at 9.30am
KS2 Christmas Mass at 10.45am

(Parents are welcome to meet us at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden to share in the celebration and excitement of the birth of Jesus.)

Wednesday 16 December Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation from every child

Wednesday 16 December School Christmas Lunch

Friday 18 December Last day of school

Tuesday 05 January Children return to school

Attendance

Please ensure that your child aims for 100% attendance this year. Every lesson counts so your child can benefit from the excellent learning opportunities at St Joseph's.

Children must also arrive on time every day to ensure they access the full curriculum. Poor punctuality affects your child's learning, the learning of others and is very inconsiderate.

Thank you to all the parents who are supporting their children by bringing them to school from 8.30am for our 'soft start' to the day. If all parents could aim for arriving earlier than 8.55am, that will help to ease traffic congestion in the roads around the school. This will also show some consideration for our neighbours who have been very patient with the disruption caused by the fire and the subsequent building works.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)