

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th December

- Pupil Voice reps at Houses of Parliament
- Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Performance

Wednesday 20th December

- Carol Service at St Mary's at 10am. Refreshments at school afterwards. All welcome.
- FINISH AT NOON

Like Christmas Clockwork!

It's been another Christmas crammed week of festive outings and activities at St Joseph's! Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who, through their individual efforts, have ensured everything has gone smoothly and efficiently.

The Performing Arts has taken centre stage once again this week; in particular, singing. Children in Year 3 and upwards have sung at Westminster Cathedral, the RBKC Christmas Festival at Kensington Town Hall, and at Peter Jones. It is lovely to hear the children sing at this time of year. If you are available, please join us for St Joseph's Carol Service at St Mary's at 10am on Wednesday – refreshments back at school afterwards. Please do not forget, school will finish at 12 noon on Wednesday; we expect all children to be picked up promptly.

Tonight is finally upon us – the PTFA Christmas Party! Mr Marvel has been practising his magic and the PTFA elves have been decorating a very special grotto for a very special guest. I hope he's made room for more than just mince pies as the parents have prepared food and drink for you all to enjoy! Have a fantastic evening!

Mrs Wyatt - Head Teacher

Year 6 were very excited to meet the author Michael Foreman on Monday. He shared many childhood experiences and then explained how he gets his inspiration to write his books. Year 6 also attended the Household Cavalry Museum where they learnt many interesting facts about the soldiers (and their horses) who guard many of our famous landmarks. The highlight of the visit was trying on the uniforms.



Congratulations to Noeleen Y5, Enrico Y4, Liam and Joseph Y3 whose artwork is currently being displayed in the Top Floor Restaurant at Peter Jones! The children entered the 'Moz the Monster' drawing competition and had to draw their very own monster. Well done children!



Joseph

WEDNESDAY!



Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is: **JOY**

Year 2



In RE & English, Year 2 have been focusing on the Nativity story.

They wrote recounts as the shepherds who the Angel Gabriel visited. The Angel told them about the Messiah being born and they made their way to Bethlehem.

It was freezing and I was shivering. I saw an angel. I was so scared but the angel said there is a baby who is born in Bethlehem and he is our saviour. Me and my fellow shepherds were tired. Our legs were aching. Then we saw baby Jesus lying in a manger. The manger was made out of hay and also the stable was made out of hay. I felt astonished. He looked so small. I smelled the straw. hay. Me and my fellow shepherds were so tired. We went home to have some sleep because we got sleepy. Are sheeps were asleep to. It was such a long night. When we were at home we were sleeping. We all slept on grass because we didn't have houses. We were very very poor.
 Gabriel

Catholic Life

As we approach the very special time in our Catholic calendar, it has been staggering to see the huge amount of donations that families have brought in to school. The toiletries, nappies, food and warm clothing will go to the Cardinal Hume Centre. The centre enables people to gain the skills they need to overcome poverty and homelessness and our donations go a long way to help support those in need this Christmas. Steve Currid from the centre came to visit us on Friday and was amazed at the amount of donations. Thank you to all.

Members of staff have kindly donated money to go to the St Joseph's Cottages next door. The cottages are Catholic almshouses that are linked to St Mary's Church. They consist of ten flats for elderly residents of the parish who often volunteer at the school. We look forward to seeing some of them at our Carol Service on Wednesday.

Pupil Voice



Pupil Voice sang 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' in Good News Assembly. Children in Year 1 thought the singing was amazing. Marley in Year 1 said, 'The Pupil Voice were cool superstars!'



Who is this turkey?

Attendance

Well done, Year 6! You had 96% attendance this week!

