



## Coming Up

Newsletter Issue 13 - W/c 11th December 2023

<b>Monday 18th Dec</b>	EYFS Christmas Craft & Performance 1.30pm	Y3-6 Basketball Club 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Tuesday 19th Dec</b>	Singing Lessons	
<b>Wednesday 20th Dec</b>	Advent Mass/Mass for Fr Stephen 10am @ St Joseph's	<b>School Closes at 2.45pm</b>
<b>Thursday 4th Jan</b>	Back to School!	
<b>Friday 5th Jan</b>	Y6 Residential Meeting 3.30pm	

### Notices

- Lunch & Wraparound payments**

Please ensure all payments are brought up to date by next term. Thank you.

- Sponsorship Forms**

Please can we have all the Santa Dash sponsorship forms and money back in school by Monday at the latest. Thank you.



### Virtue of the week

The next virtue is: **Faith around Joy**

Please take time to discuss this at home with your child/ren.

### Message from Mrs Chambers

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very happy and peaceful Christmas where you get an opportunity to spend time with families and friends. As we enter this very busy holiday it is important to pause and reflect on the amazing terms we have had, and how much all the children have achieved. We look forward to more exciting learning in the New Year and to our new outdoor play project which we will be sending you more information about next week.

It is also a sad time for us as staff as we say farewell to Miss Humphreys, and wish her lots of luck with new adventures. We will miss her expertise, professionalism, leadership and kindness. I will especially miss her in her role as Assistant Head.

We would like to welcome Mrs Boyd to our team in January teaching in our year 3 class, and look forward to working with her in the New Year.

I would like to thank all the staff for their incredible resilience and hard work as they endeavour to ensure all our children are taught to the highest of standards and nurtured as individuals.

Finally, I would like to thank parents for working with us to ensure that we help our children to grow their virtues and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Mrs Chambers



# Head Teacher Awards



Congratulations to all the children who have received awards this week.



## Goodbye Miss Humphreys

We say a very sad good-bye to Miss Humphreys next week as she heads to pastures new after Christmas. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication over the years and wish her all the best for the future. We will all miss you!



Happy Birthday to the children who have had birthdays recently and who will celebrate over the Christmas holidays

**Y2**— Luke D, Abigail

**Y3**—Mabel

**Y4**— Harry, Adam

**Y5**—Elizabeth C

**Y6**— Erin



## Maths Challenge

Well done to the Maths Challenge team who took part in the UKMT Primary Team Maths Challenge on Tuesday. The children performed superbly completing the 4 rounds without dropping a single mark. Interestingly, our nearest rivals also completed the challenge without losing any marks, making for an interesting final round in January. Currently the league looks like this:

English Martyrs: 285, Florence Melly: 282, Longborough: 282, Belmont School: 246

Well done to all of the team members and fingers crossed for the next round.

## Y&2 Nativity

Well done to all the children who put on fantastic performances of their nativity. Hey Ewe this week! A big thank you to all the members of staff involved too! The children worked really hard learning their lines and all the songs!



## EYFS visit to St Joseph's

The children in EYFS had a lovely visit to St Joseph's today. They were able to explore the church and chat to Father Stephen and Mrs Marriott.



## Christmas Lunch!

A big thank you to Mrs Burgess and Ms Gregory who served a delicious Christmas lunch! The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it!



## Christmas Carol Concert

Our Y6 children provided musical accompaniment for a Christmas meal provided by Lands End and VAR for elderly and vulnerable local people. A year 6 choir sang carols and there were instrumental performances from Mya, Erin Desiree and Deandre. The children were amazing and their efforts were very much appreciated. Thank you to Maggie from Rutland Music and Mrs Cooper who helped.



## Football League

Well done to the Year 5/6 football team who played on Tuesday. The boys started well against Brooke Hill. They then comprehensively defeated St Mary and St John A 4-1. The final game was a close encounter with Bringhurst who eventually won 2-1. The boys were amazing in poor conditions. Well done everyone who has played this season and thanks to parents who have assisted with transport, coaching and looking after the children at the events.

## Cross Country

Well done to the 11 children who braved awful conditions on Saturday to take part in the cross country league. We had representation in each KS2 year group, which was great.

We had some great results including a 1st From Marguerite in Y3! Well done and thanks to everyone who supported the event.



## Certificate from VAR

Thank you to Malcom from Voluntary Action Rutland who presented us with a special certificate thanking us for our support to VAR. We would also like to thank VAR and its volunteers for always being on hand to help us with transporting our children to events.



## Welcome Mrs Boyd!

In January, we welcome Mrs Boyd who will be the new Year 3 Class Teacher. Mrs Boyd is transferring from Sacred Heart in Loughborough, which is another primary school in our Trust. We look forward to welcoming her to our English Martyrs family!



## New Books for School

Thanks to the parent Scholastic book orders, we have been able to buy some great books for school! Thank you!



## Initial Teacher Training Programme

Are you interested in training to teach? The Leicestershire and Rutland Teaching School Hub are offering a year one school based programme. Visit our Train to Teach page [www.lrtshub.org.uk](http://www.lrtshub.org.uk) or call on 0116 3033744

## FEM News!

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

**£401** was raised from the Hamper Raffle!

The winners are: **1. Heidi, 2. McGrory Family, 3. George K, 4. Oliver T, 5. James L**

Thank you again to everyone who donated items!

### Prayer of the week

God of hope, Let us be grateful during this holy time of year, to those who have lost their loved ones and homes. Guide them with your light, bring them out of their darkness.

## Christmas Guitar Assembly

Well done to all the children who performed at the Christmas Guitar Assembly on Thursday. They have been working very hard in their lessons and it was lovely to be able to hear them play their wonderful Christmas songs! A big thank you to Mr Joyce too!



## LAMDA results!

A huge well done to Simba, Sebastian H, Kara, Sebastian F and Imogen who all passed their London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art exams with flying colours, achieving 3 distinctions and 2 merits between them! A fantastic achievement, well done!

## St Joseph's Church

Keep up to date with the Parish news [here](#) .



**We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year! See you back at school on 4th January 2024!**

