



St Joseph's Catholic Middle School

The family of St. Joseph's loves,

learns and grows together as followers of Jesus

Monthly Newsletter – Friday 13th January 2023

Statement to Live By:

Through the Eyes of Jesus

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. The end of last term seems like a long time ago now but we had lots of fantastic activities in the run up to Christmas. These included our Christmas Fayre, Christmas Disco, Carol Service and our Winter concert and I would just like to thank all the staff, pupils and parents who were involved in all of the activities and made the end of term such a success.

As we start the new term, I would also like to thank all those parents and carers who support us everyday in making sure pupils attend, are punctual, are ready to learn, have completed their homework, spend some time reading and have everything they need for school. This support really makes a difference to how our pupils approach their learning and will have an impact on their academic progress.

As part of our work this half term we will be putting in place a more structured approach to homework and I will write to you with more details when I have finalised them with the staff.

This half term there was a teacher training day planned for the 3rd February which will now take place on the 17th February. The school will therefore close to pupils on Thursday 16th February and reopen on Monday 27th February.

Finally can I ask that if you pick up or drop off your child by car that you are considerate with your parking and not block access to people's homes.

Thankyou

Mr. N. A. Wood
Headteacher

Christmas Events:

Please see below some photographs a variety of events that we held during the last week of the Autumn Term. It really was a lovely way to end, what was, a very long half term. Thank you for all your support, without this, these would not be such a success.

Winter Concert



Carol Service and Celebration Assembly



Carol Singing in Hexham



Christmas Fair and Santa Dash





Uniform:

It is expected that all students will wear the correct uniform at all times. At present students are allowed to wear their PE uniform to school on the days that they have PE.

Library:

Our new school library has been up and running for a few weeks now and all students have been very eager to check out their new books! Students are encouraged to read books suitable for their reading age and regularly complete quizzes to assess their understanding of each book they read. The selection of books available will continue to grow, so please encourage children to frequently read their library books.

DASSN - Domestic Abuse Support Service Northumberland:

Please click on the link below for information on Domestic Abuse.

[DASSN](#)

Sports Clubs

Day	Lunchtime Activity	After school
Monday		
Tuesday	Y5 Dodgeball	
Wednesday	Y8 Dodgeball	
Thursday	Y7 Dodgeball	Table tennis
Friday	Y6 Dodgeball	Dance club



Sporting superstars The following pupils were
nominated by their PE teacher for their hard work in their PE lessons
in the month of December. Well done to all pupils!



December Sports Superstars

5M – Riley H
5S – Peyton
6D – Beth
6H – Tabatha
7M – Nathan
7S – Theo B
8C – Charlie
8D – Tristan
8W – Lennox

Upcoming Events at a Glance:

Date	Activity
Friday 10th February	Disco 7 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 15th February	Y7 Parents' Consultation Evening (details to follow)
Thursday 16th February	School closes for half term
Friday 17th February	Teacher Training Day
Monday 27th February	School reopens

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Disco Dates: 10/02/2023

If you are able to help out at any of the discos please can you contact Eleanor Stoves Tel: 01434 605124

A big thank you to all parents who helped out at the last disco.

A Prayer for Hope in the New Year

Dear Lord,

As the new year begins, I look to You for our hope, joy, and peace.

Give me the courage to do all that You ask of me.

Please also make me brave to not do what isn't from You.

Show me how to walk in grace and embrace Your love for me even more.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

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God bless

Mr N Wood

