



## Newsletter

Friday 21 November 2008

### News from the Head

I would like to inform parents and guardians officially that I have tendered my resignation as Headteacher of St Joseph's school, to take effect from August 31st 2009.

I am not moving to another school, I am retiring. I have been very happy at St Joseph's School. The pupils are wonderful and there is a very strong sense of community. The staff are very impressive in their commitment to the pupils, and in their expertise. It has been a privilege to lead them.

I have also been most fortunate to have worked with such a supportive Governing body. The Chair of Governors has been a very strong and loyal support.

In December the Governors are interviewing for a new Headteacher. I am confident that they will make a wise choice. The school is strong and successful and will continue to focus on pupil achievement, whilst preserving its Catholic identity.

It is with sadness that I must inform you that on Tuesday morning a former pupil of ours was killed in Chalvey. Jane Treasure, aged 19, was a student at East Berkshire College in Langley. She was studying for her BTech National and was making excellent progress. She was a wonderful girl: vivacious, always courteous, popular and full of life. This is the most awful tragedy. Please remember Jane and her family in your prayers.

We are staging "Me and My Girl" on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. Do make every effort to come. There are plenty of tickets for Wednesday evening. It is going to be a superb production.

#### SPORTS NEWS

##### Football Results

Year 9 v Herschel (A). We lost 4 - 6. Goal scorers were Joe Butler (2), Stephen Fletcher and Dominic Magnante.

Year 7 v Altwood (A). We won 2 - 0. Goal scorers were Edward Edmunds and Harry Bailey.

##### Football Fixtures

Thursday 27 November - Year 7 5-a-side competition at Slough & Eton

##### Basketball Results

Year 10 v Langley Grammar (A). We won 46-31

After a slow start the team scored an impressive win over tough competition. Top points scorer was Sam Muzinga with 22 points. Other scorers were Arnold (2), Farai (7), Franz (4) and Aaron (2).

##### Basketball Fixtures

Wednesday 26 November - Year 10 v Charters (A)

##### Fit Club

A Fit Club for girls in Years 9 - 11 will be starting in January. The club will run after school, and will offer boxercise, aerobics and gym sticks. Any girls interested should see Miss Greenhouse.

There is a special **Deanery Youth Mass on Sunday 23 November at 6.30pm at St Ethelbert's Church** in Slough. This will be on Youth Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, and children from St Joseph's, along with children from other local schools, will support the liturgy with music and dance.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 24 November	Full Dress Rehearsal of School Production
Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 Nov	School Production
Thursday 4 December	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 12 December	French Day Trip to Lille
Tuesday 16 December	Carol Service 7.00 pm
Thursday 18 December	School Christmas Lunch. <b>School closes at 1.00 pm</b>
Friday 19 December	<b>End of Term. School closes at 12.30 pm</b>
Monday 5 January 2009	First Day of Spring Term. Pupils return to school.
Thursday 8 January	ICT Module Year 11
Friday 9 January	AS Maths Module year 12
Monday 12 January	AS Law Module Year 12
Tuesday 13 January	GCSE English Literature Module Year 11 AS History Module Year 12
Wednesday 14 January	AS English Literature Module Year 12
Tuesday 20 January	GCSE Maths Module Year 10
Thursday 22 January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 10 February	Year 10 Enterprise Day
Monday 16 - Friday 20 Feb	<b>Half Term Week. School closed</b>

Some of our pupils and staff will be taking part in The Slough Musical Theatre Company's production of Children of Eden next week at the Desborough Suite in Maidenhead. Performances are on Tuesday - Saturday.



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Friends of St Joseph's are selling these again this year. There is a choice of red, purple, white or yellow and they are priced at £3.50 each. If you would like to place an order please complete the form below and return it to school with the money by Tuesday 25 November.

Poinsettias will be ready for collection from St Joseph's School from midday on Thursday 27th November. They will also be on sale on the evenings of the school production.

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### ORDER FORM FOR POINSETTIAS. PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Name .....

I would like to order ..... red poinsettias, .....purple poinsettias, .....white poinsettias, yellow poinsettias @ £3.50 each

Total money enclosed £\_\_\_\_\_. *Please make cheques payable to "The Friends of St Joseph's"*