



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Tuesday 19th December 2023

19th December - Whole School Mass



Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well.

Please see Headteacher video message on our YouTube Channel.

Link is also below:

[Headteacher Message Newsletter - 19th December 2023 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Please also watch video from our whole school mass with Mr Odei and our students singing:

[\(9\) St Josephs Whole School Mass - 19th December 2023 - YouTube](#)

St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton



"The glory of God is a human being fully alive!"

Theme of the Week

The Holy Family

On Sunday 31st December, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and many of us will have strong feelings towards this due to do our own parish, The Holy Family Church in Langley and/or our primary school, The Holy Family Catholic primary school, Langley. Why might some have strong feelings towards these? Because they were, and still are and always will be part of them, being part of that community is like being part of the family! And during the feast of the Holy Family, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the wonder that is the incarnation of Jesus into a human family. In giving Jesus to be part of the family of Mary and Joseph, God is providing Jesus a special family to protect and nurture his Son during his earthly life. The family of Mary and Joseph provides us all with a model of how we should be committed to care for the family to which we are all blessed. This will instantly be with our own parents, siblings and extended relations but as being part of St Joseph's Catholic High School, you are also part of our school community; you are part of God's family!

Reflect on your own experience of family life whether at home or in school. What is it that makes some relationships more special than others do? Can you identify ways in which you have come to experience God's love in your family? Do you allow other members of your family to experience God's love through you?

As a member of our own families, we have certain responsibilities. We also have responsibilities as members of God's family.

What ways can you take on some responsibilities this year so too can protect and nurture one another so we all can flourish in our school family?

The Holy Family

Weekly Reflections
31st December 2023



A reading from the Gospel of St Luke (2:22,39-40)

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Prayer for the Week

God in Heaven, in the incarnation of your son Jesus, you provided him with a family.

Thank you for giving us the gift of our own families as well as our school one.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

Saint of the Week



St Mary - 1st January

Christ's mother, the most important and widely revered saint in the Christian canon, is celebrated on the first day of the year.

Although Mary only occasionally appears in the Gospels during the ministry of Jesus, she is understood to have been a continuing presence throughout his life, crucifixion and resurrection; Mary was:

Learned and Wise, Loving and Compassionate, Truthful and eloquent, intentional and prophetic, attentive and discerning, faith-filled and hopeful, curious and active, grateful and generous.

Day 1

Sunday 31st December marked the Feast of the Holy Family.

You are all part of a family at home but remember you are also part of our school family. Can you identify ways in which you have come to experience God's love in your family?

Do you allow other members of your family to experience God's love through you?

As a member of a family, we have certain responsibilities, what ways can you take up these responsibilities so we all too can flourish in our school family?

Christmas Dinner Day 18th December

Christmas Dinner Day was a fabulous success with all our students enjoying a Christmas dinner, music and entertainment from Frosty the Snowman!



Year 13 students of the Week

Sheryl Fernandes and Clinton Njoku for earning the most positive points this half term and also working really hard in all subjects.

Year 13 News

Firstly Year 13 let me thank you for all of your hard work this term. You have made me immensely proud with your dedication to your studies. It really showed in your PPE results and there is lots to be pleased about. That said the hard work does not stop here. I know some of you may not have gotten the results you wanted but that does not mean that we give up. Now more than ever we need to dig deep and work as hard as you can because I believe in each and every one of you, so you need to believe in yourselves. Get some rest over the holidays and celebrate with family and friends so that when you come back in the new year you're ready to give it your all.

Remember the UCAS deadline for school is the 12th January, this allows time for us to check you applications before submission to the universities you have chosen.

Have a merry Christmas and a peaceful new year! Mrs Finn

Attendance Policy Update

All absences at the beginning and end of any term / half term will be marked as an unauthorised absence unless this is accompanied by medical evidence. This can be in the form of a named, dated & stamped appointment card, letter or text from a medical practitioner. If you are planning to take your child out of school for any other reason, such as a holiday, please do tell us this in advance using the Absence Leave Request Form which can be downloaded from our website or, by emailing office@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

PE After School Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball (GCSE students only)	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball (GCSE students only)	Badminton and Basketball
Lunch 2	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball
Afterschool	Trampolining KBR Rugby HMC Dance HST	Netball- all year groups AAN MJO KBR Year 7+8 boys Football FWA Year 7-9 Basketball JCO	Year 9-11 boys Football THU Girls Football- all year groups JSI Volleyball HGO		Year 10,11,12,13 Basketball CWH

Join the **Free** holiday activities
and food programme
this winter break

4 days of fun during the holidays!
Including arts and crafts, circus-based
activities, fencing, gymnastics, music,
nutrition education, and a wide range of
sports. All free for kids eligible for benefits
related free school meals with HAF codes
(you can also pay to join in the fun if you
aren't eligible).

**VARIOUS
DATES
BETWEEN
18 DEC
& 3 JAN**

For more
info and
to book:



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 **Slough**
Holiday Activities
and Food Programme

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Football Tournaments

Winter Junior 5 a side



20, 21, 27, 28 December



10:30am-2:30pm

11-16 years old

Powerleague, Ragstone Road, Slough, SL1 2PU

5 A SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

It's all about getting involved.

To register for FREE with a HAF Code: <https://sloughhaf.org.uk/>

No HAF Code, register and pay: <https://www.sportsinc.org.uk/#5>

£3 per day or £10 paid in advance for 4 days

Healthy Hot Lunch and snacks available each day.

Make sure to use your HAF number if you have one.



For more information
Email: info@sportsinc.org.uk

