



Merry Christmas

Reflecting back over the last term and my first as headteacher I am immensely proud of the children and staff at St Joseph's. It was a pleasure to see the children return to school in September so full of joy and excitement and seeing their smiles brightens up even the darkest days.

We have had so much to smile about this term from welcoming visitors at the start of term—an author (Mr Winrow), a poet (Levi Taferi), Ann Angel who talked to all the classes about Judaism and an archaeologist who brought in real items from the stone age! To some classes being able to go out on trips, with Year 5 visiting the World Museum to learn about Vikings and also traced the River Alt from the source to the mouth. Year 4 also visited the Walker Art Gallery and enjoyed their time linking art to their topic of Ancient Greeks.

It has been lovely to be able to join in with sporting tournaments and several classes were able to join in with some football matches—fingers crossed this can resume after Christmas. It was also great to have all the children attending the school disco—the best turnout we have ever had—the children danced their socks off that night and lifted the roof with their singing.

The staff reinstated several clubs before school, during lunchtimes and after school, these include Football (Y5&6), Gym (Y2&4), Cross country (Y4,5&6), Multi-skills (Y5&6), Reading buddies, Mini-Vinnies (Y6) and Art clubs (Y1,2,3&4).

I am looking forward to the Spring term and all the exciting times we have planned for the coming year.

Merry Christmas everyone and I hope for all the best in the new year for you and your family

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy

COVID-19 January

As you will be aware, the Government's Plan B came into effect as part of efforts to stem the spread of the Omicron variant. Work from home guidance has been reinstated and face masks made mandatory in many indoor settings to help reduce transmission.

The Department for Education have stated that, to prepare for any possible changes in public health advice, all education and childcare settings should now revisit their existing plans to ensure they are well prepared for any future changes.

The Government is clear on the critical importance of not disrupting the education of children and young people and the Government will prioritise keeping all education and childcare settings open.

Should schools receive further guidance during the Christmas period, I will be in contact with you as soon as possible.

Road Safety Competition

Well done to all the children who entered our Road Safety Competition—the Knowsley road safety team found it extremely difficult to choose the winners for each class.

The winners are.....



Reception -
Thomas



Year 1 -
Honor



Year 2 -
George



Year 3 -
Hallie



Year 4 -
Ava



Year 5 -
Ryley



Year 6 -
Charlotte

Parking

We have had reports of some parents and carers parking in Edenfield Crescent blocking a driveway causing distress to the occupant. Might I ask that if you do collect your child by car, please park carefully. Your support with this will ensure we maintain good relations with our local community - thank you.



Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 2** for winning the Autumn attendance, when you return in January you will have your pizza party!!
Well done everyone in year 2.



School Menu

This week the children will have a 3 choices. Option 1 will be a hot meal (see table below), option 2 will be a jacket potato and Option 3 will be sandwiches.

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Sausage & mash	BBQ chicken wrap with herb wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips

