



Merry Christmas

We are coming to the end of the Autumn term and would like to say a huge thank you for all your support during this term. It has been a busy 4 months and we have crammed so much in. I hope you all enjoy the Christmas performances which are now uploaded onto the class pages on the website—again thank you for your understanding in the need to go virtual during this difficult time.

On behalf of all the staff at St Josephs we would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and all the best for the new year.



Reading Stars



Well done to these lucky children whose tickets were drawn this week.

Reception—Thomas

Year 1—Myla

Year 2— Frankie

Year 3— Paul

Year 4— Lewis

Year 5— Thomas F

Year 6— Emmie

Well done to **Saoirse in Year 1** who won this term's grand prize and chose a book to take home and enjoy with her family—well done!!

Thankyou to all the parents who have listened to and read with your children this week, you are making a huge difference in their lives—well done.

Annual Christmas Draw

Thank you so much for all the lovely donations for the prize draw this year. We will be having the draw in the morning of Monday 20th December.

We have some lovely prizes this year—good luck!!



Christmas Party

Christmas parties this year will be held in class on the afternoon of Tuesday 21st December. Children can wear party clothes on that day. Please ensure that sensible footwear is used as children may also be playing outside.

Christmas Lunch

The children will be having Christmas lunch in school on Tuesday 21st December. If any of the junior children who normally stay for packed lunch would like a Christmas dinner, parents are asked to pay £2.10 on Parent pay.



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much to the parents who completed the questionnaires. It was lovely to see 100% of you felt that your children are happy and safe at St Josephs and that 97% of you would recommend St Joseph's to another parent. Some parents expressed a concern that the school does not make you aware of what your child will learn through the year. This information is shared on our website both on the curriculum page and the individual class pages but to make this clearer, from January each class page will have a table which will explain the topics taught and a brief explanation of what will be covered. Thank you for bringing this to our attention and I hope that this will help further explain what is being taught in each class.

Attendance

Fabulous improvement in attendance.

Remember—be in to win!

R	98.4%
Y1	99.1%
Y2	98.1%
Y3	95.2%
Y4	96.6%
Y5	98.3%
Y6	94.6%



Remember attending school is so important, as is being on time.

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance is **97%**

Green met the target or exceeded, yellow just below, red is below and must be improved.

Well done Year 1 you have won the attendance this week.

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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Option 1	Chicken burger & cross-cuts	Christmas dinner	Chicken Kor-ma & naan bread

Next week:

- Christmas prize draw—Monday 20th December
- Christmas dinner—Tuesday 21st December party clothes or Christmas jumper
- Christmas parties—Tuesday 21st December pm.
- Finish Wednesday 22nd December at **1:30**

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy