

St. Joseph's Newsletter

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Happy New Year—Welcome back everyone

Can you believe it? 2010 already.

This time of the church's year is called the 'season of light' when we celebrate the wise men visiting Jesus and Jesus being taken to the temple as a tiny baby. It's a good excuse to keep some candles lit in these dark and wintry days to help us remember Jesus is the Light of the World!

IMPORTANT PLEA!

I need your thoughts and ideas about reports...

Every July we send out an end of year report.

What should your child's report tell you?

By law, the annual pupil report must give you a minimum of information about your child's progress:

- general progress during the year
- progress in the National Curriculum subjects studied
- progress in all other subjects and activities including religious education
record of attendance.

The report must also include arrangements for you to discuss the report with the teachers.

Do you feel our current reports give you this information.

From the report, were you clear on what progress your child was making?

Did you know what is expected for a child of that age and if your child is working above or below those expectations?

Was it easy to understand (or did we slip into using jargon)?

Please fill in the attached questionnaire and return it to school by Monday 18th of January.



You are welcome to a coffee morning (well, half-hour!) where you can discuss this or any other school issues with me—

Friday 22nd January at 9.00am.

Please don't leave me sitting on my own talking to myself.

PFA MEETING @ 3.15

(straight after school)

Wednesday 20th January

In Y6 classroom

The PFA is a welcoming and friendly group of parents and friends who support the work of the school. In the past, the PFA has provided treats for the children, subsidised theatre visits, raise funds for large project, run fund raisers etc. etc. etc. Many of the improvements made to the school in recent years would not be possible without the PFA.

The PFA is also a good way for parents to find out more about the school, raise concerns and ask questions.

Sometimes parents are worried that if they come along to a meeting they will end up with lots of jobs to do...Not True! Please come along on Wednesday, have a cup of tea, meet people and share ideas and ask questions.

Children will be looked after during the meeting so you don't need to worry about them.

Remember: Munchie Lunchies: children on packed lunches have the chance to give school lunches a try on Fridays. The meals must be booked and **paid for** at the beginning of the week.

Sunday Mass times at St. Joseph's Church

11.00am and 6pm

(The 11.00am mass has children's liturgy /activities) and you are welcome to stay afterwards for a cup of tea and the chance to socialise.)

IMPORTANT REMINDER

- ◆ If your child is going to be absent from school, please telephone the school before 9.00 am to let us know.
- ◆ Please do not leave your child in the school yard alone, as they will be unsupervised until a teacher goes on the yard at 8.40 am.

Time to dust off those new year resolutions! Mrs. Crangle is starting a slimming group 'W8' here at the school on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

Ring 07519 405 399 for more information