



Jordans School

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Dear Parents,

We are all so excited to be welcoming you back into school next week for our Christmas Play. We know you will really enjoy it. We hope you also enjoyed looking through your child's books and work today. Each day your children make us proud and it is lovely to share that with you all. Please do read to the end of the newsletter for information about hot school meals.

Thank you

Thank you for your generosity, we raised £40.60 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The children wore their poppies with pride.

You may have noticed this morning that the children all have a fabulous new rug in their classrooms to sit on for teaching time. They have really brightened the classrooms and the children are very pleased. These were bought with your JSA fundraising efforts. Thank you.

Rowans Garden Centre (Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4AB)

If you haven't already got your Christmas tree, remember once again the JSA are running the Christmas Trees for Schools Scheme in conjunction with Rowan Garden Centre, Chalfont St Giles which will raise funds for the school. Rowans have donated a £50 voucher to the school who will use it for the school allotment in the new year.

Spring Term Clubs

Information on Spring term clubs will follow in a separate email.

Staff news

As you will know Mrs Minty has been absent from school this term, she has now taken the difficult decision to resign. We would like to express our gratitude to her for her hard work and commitment to the school and wish her well for the future.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Banks to the staff team in January, she will be teaching Year 1 on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Taaffe will teach the children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The children were delighted to meet Mrs Banks today.

Reading books and words

We will be collecting in all of the reading and library books next Friday (16th December) for our termly sort out. We will not be sending new books or words home over the holidays, this will start again as soon as we return to school. Over the holidays please do continue reading home books.

Hot School Meals

From January we will be changing our lunchtime contract to St Joseph's School Hub Kitchen. Every

Infant School child is entitled to a free school meal and I feel that the children here at Jordans should eat a hot lunch, as most other schools provide. St Joseph's currently provide meals for 11 local schools, they have very positive feedback and the children in those schools really enjoy eating them.

St Josephs now has the capacity in their kitchen to cater for Jordans School. They create a seasonal menu that runs on a three week basis, after the three weeks has finished the menu then starts again. I have attached an example menu. The meals are nutritionally balanced,. Statutory school food standards apply to every school. These school food standards are to ensure that food provided to pupils in school is nutritious and of high quality (adhering to Government regulations on sugar, salt and fat content); to promote good nutritional health in all pupils; protect those who are nutritionally vulnerable and to promote good eating behaviour.

St Joseph's offer a main meal and pudding, there is a vegetarian option each day and allergies are catered for. The children make their choice each day as they approach the server. The meals are all cooked with children's favourites and staples in mind. The meals are prepared at St Josephs and then brought to Jordans where we will then serve them.

The chef at St Joseph's will be coming to Jordans School to meet you and the children on 23rd January. This will be a chance for you to see and taste the food with your child after school. More information will follow in January.

We have been notified by St Joseph's that we will not be able to 'go hot' for January, this is to allow time for all of our equipment to be delivered, their own extra facilities to cater for us to be installed and staff training to take place. And so we will be offering the children St Joseph's own packed lunch option. This is a sandwich option with two 'hot days' per week. This arrangement will only be in the short term. In order for us to cater for your child's preferences I am asking parents to indicate on the attached packed lunch form which sandwiches their child is likely to eat. **This is not an order form.** This is to give us an indication of how many of each option to order. I urge you to discuss it with your child to then give us an accurate picture. Please can you return these forms in the book bags next week if you did not complete one this morning.

I look forward to working with St Joseph's, this is such an exciting opportunity for the school and the whole process of hot school meals will be discussed in more detail on 23rd January with Chef Paul.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Bancroft
Headteacher



This week's Well Done
Certificates

This week we say a big well done to all of the children for all of the wonderful work in their books and learning journeys!



Next Week's Learning

Year R

Maths - Counting buttons in ones and twos as we decorate our gingerbread men.

Literacy - Writing our Christmas cards and Santa letters.

Requests - We will be walking to the post box so please bring in a self-addressed stamped envelope if you have not already done so.

Year 1

Maths - Next week in Maths we will be exploring language related to position and direction.

Literacy - We will be looking at some of the characters featured in the story of The Snowman.

Year 2

Next week we will be going Christmas Crackers! We will be finishing our letters to Father Christmas and solving some Christmas word problems, using our fractions knowledge. We will also find time to squeeze in some Christmassy art fun.

No plea this week, but a huge THANK YOU for the work you have all put in at home to help the Year 2 children learn their lines. They are doing a fantastic job in rehearsals. It is hard to believe that, this time next week, it will all be over!