

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, DINNINGTON

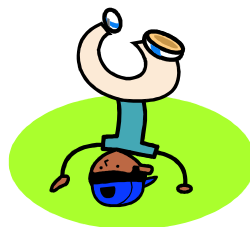
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Christmas Shoeboxes

Before the holiday you should have received leaflets about the **Christmas shoebox appeal**. We are hoping that many of our families will want to think about others at Christmas who will not receive presents without our help. The leaflet explained how to put the shoeboxes together and had suggestions of what could be put into them. This might be something you would enjoy doing with your children. We are aiming to have all the boxes prepared by Sunday 15th November when they can be brought to the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Church. If it's impossible for you to go to that Mass, then the shoeboxes can be brought to school during the week beforehand ie from Monday, 9th November onwards. Thank you for your support. We have some spare leaflets in school if you need another copy.

Disco

The Family Disco, has been moved to Thur 26th November in school, 7 to 9pm, because the original date clashed with Children in Need night. This is for children and parents and there will be a bar and refreshments. Please pay on the door, £2 per adult, £1 per child with a maximum of £5 per family (however many children you have!) Children cannot come without a responsible adult.





Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday, 5th December from 10am to 1pm. At the Fayre there will be excellent refreshments (including hot turkey and stuffing rolls), many stalls and of course Father Christmas! Nearer the time we will be asking for donations for our tombola, raffle, cakes, books, toys and bric-a-brac stalls. These can be brought in the week before the sale ie from Monday 30th November onwards. Just before Christmas is an ideal time to have a clear out to make space for all the wonderful new stuff Santa will hopefully be bringing your way!

Luncheon club

Every Thursday we serve lunch to pensioners who pay £3.20 each. If you know of anyone who would enjoy meeting other pensioners and being served tea by our Year 6 children, please encourage them to come to school at 12.15pm on Thursdays.

Free School Meals

If your family receives any benefits or family credit, then your children might qualify for free school meals. Mrs Clarke in the office has all the necessary paperwork to help you apply. Even if your child doesn't want to take the meals, schools actually receive extra money into the general school budget based on the number of children who qualify for free school meals. So you're helping the school if you apply even if your child stays on packed lunches!



Mr Greenwood's secondment

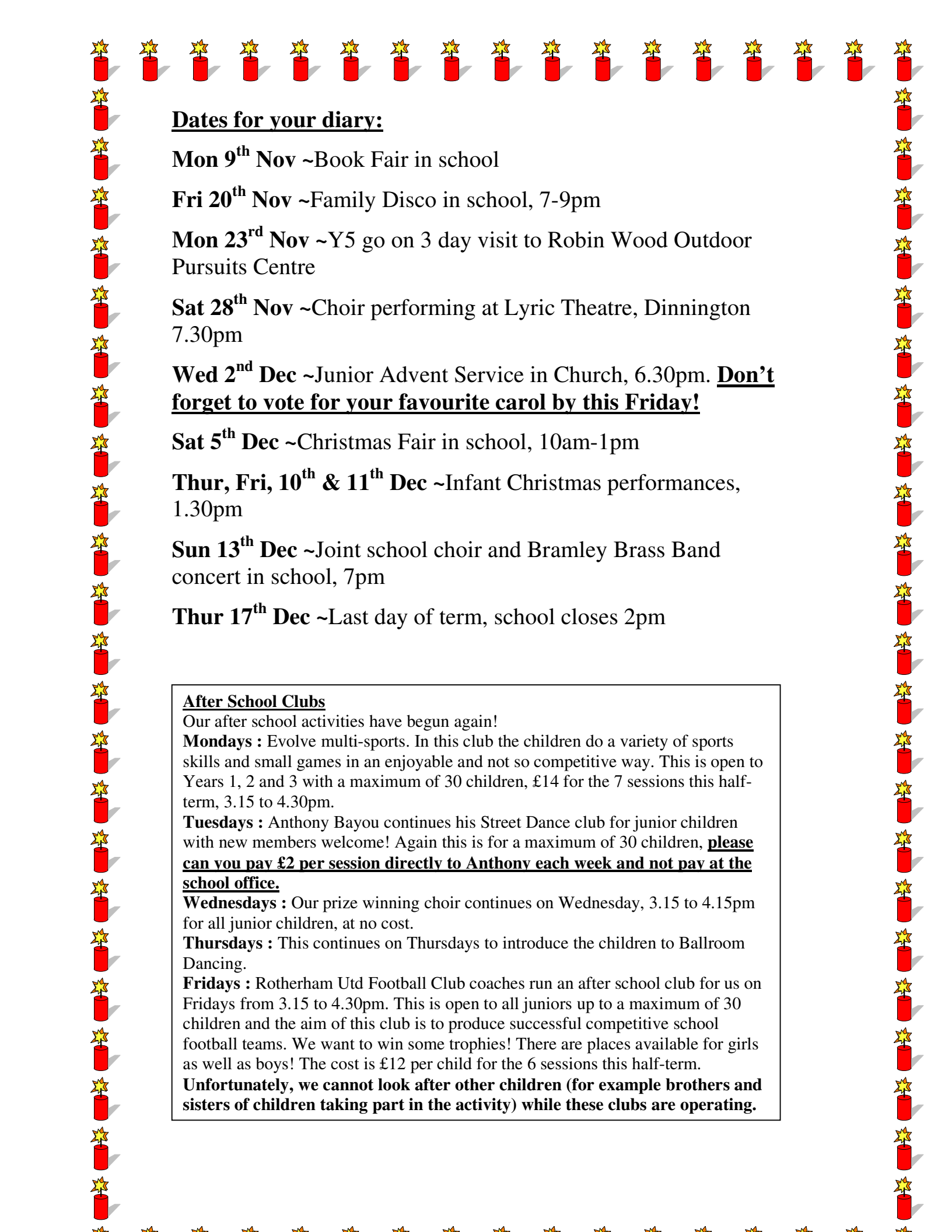
In Doncaster there are two Catholic primary schools which are federated together with one Governing Body and one Headteacher, ie Our Lady's, Bentley and St Joseph and St Teresa, Woodlands. However the present Headteacher has recently been appointed to a new Headship and is leaving at Christmas and there isn't time to appoint a successor before then.

Consequently, the Catholic Director of Schools for our diocese approached our Governors to request that Mr Greenwood could be seconded from our school to Doncaster for one term, ie leaving St Joseph's from after Christmas through to Easter to take over as Headteacher of both the schools. The Governors agreed because we are very confident that the teachers in our school will continue to do an excellent job with your children during Mr Greenwood's absence. For that one term, the Headteacher's post here will be jointly covered by Mrs Burke and Mrs Green with each one given half the week out of class to cover the Headship duties. Two very experienced teachers will be taking their classes at these times, namely Mrs Jeanette Froggatt in Y6 and Mrs Jen Preece in Y2. We are sure you will give Mrs Burke and Mrs Green lots of support and that St Joseph's School will continue to be very successful.

Morrisons Gardening vouchers

We are collecting these vouchers so that we can extend our new vegetable garden. There is a collection box near the offices.





Dates for your diary:

Mon 9th Nov ~Book Fair in school

Fri 20th Nov ~Family Disco in school, 7-9pm

Mon 23rd Nov ~Y5 go on 3 day visit to Robin Wood Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Sat 28th Nov ~Choir performing at Lyric Theatre, Dinnington
7.30pm

Wed 2nd Dec ~Junior Advent Service in Church, 6.30pm. **Don't forget to vote for your favourite carol by this Friday!**

Sat 5th Dec ~Christmas Fair in school, 10am-1pm

Thur, Fri, 10th & 11th Dec ~Infant Christmas performances,
1.30pm

Sun 13th Dec ~Joint school choir and Bramley Brass Band
concert in school, 7pm

Thur 17th Dec ~Last day of term, school closes 2pm

After School Clubs

Our after school activities have begun again!

Mondays : Evolve multi-sports. In this club the children do a variety of sports skills and small games in an enjoyable and not so competitive way. This is open to Years 1, 2 and 3 with a maximum of 30 children, £14 for the 7 sessions this half-term, 3.15 to 4.30pm.

Tuesdays : Anthony Bayou continues his Street Dance club for junior children with new members welcome! Again this is for a maximum of 30 children, **please can you pay £2 per session directly to Anthony each week and not pay at the school office.**

Wednesdays : Our prize winning choir continues on Wednesday, 3.15 to 4.15pm for all junior children, at no cost.

Thursdays : This continues on Thursdays to introduce the children to Ballroom Dancing.

Fridays : Rotherham Utd Football Club coaches run an after school club for us on Fridays from 3.15 to 4.30pm. This is open to all juniors up to a maximum of 30 children and the aim of this club is to produce successful competitive school football teams. We want to win some trophies! There are places available for girls as well as boys! The cost is £12 per child for the 6 sessions this half-term.

Unfortunately, we cannot look after other children (for example brothers and sisters of children taking part in the activity) while these clubs are operating.