# Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School Newsletter

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**Dear parents: ....** full force of Autumn this week as all the leaves are now off the trees and it is freezing cold. Had holiday requests this week and I print the legal position below. I don't make up the law Parliament does ...or should! We also have a legal duty to ensure children attend school and that is why we monitor it so closely and send out reminders and notices. It's enshrined in Education Law 2018.

## School news this week ....

Monday .... Mass in Church Year 4. 9am

Year 5 visited the Imperial War Museum

Wednesday ... Year 3 visited the British Museum

Thursday ... Hackney Heads Conference 2 days (I missed it.) + Thanksgiving in America and Loy Krathong Buddhist Festival in Thailand special global days.

Friday .... PA meeting in small hall to plan Christmas Fair

## Attendance last week ....

Best class is Year 4 @ 100% wow!! For lateness it's Nursery. Well done!

Week Beginning 12/11/2018	Attendance	Late
Nursery	95.21%	0.68%
Reception	98.67%	2.00%
Year 1	99.33%	3.33%
Year 2	97.33%	2.00%
Year 3	98.00%	1.33%
Year 4	100.00%	2.76%
Year 5	97.14%	3.21%
Year 6	98.57%	3.93%



pics of the week are .... freezing week so a glimpse of our wonderful warming kitchen

#### School news next week ....

Monday .... Ofsted London Conference

Lots of rehearsals for Christmas plays all week.

# Spanish word of the week

Gibraltar .. please help your children and your own family as we all learn Spanish this year. This week a place in Southern Spain much in the news.

#### Christmas dates .... PLEASE NOTE

Christmas Carol Concert ... for the Juniors (Years 3-6) this year will now be in school on Monday December 3rd @ 2.30pm. Unavoidable change owing to availability of musicians and logistics.

Christmas Fair ... from the Parents Association will be December 19th 3.30-5.30pm in the main school hall. Help needed as new people getting involved all details to follow.

# What the Law says about term time holidays .. PLEASE NOTE

The regulations make it clear that parents do not have any right or entitlement to take a child out of school during term time. Regulations introduced in 2013 state that Headteachers may not, unless there are exceptional circumstances, authorise absences during term time for the purposes of an annual family holiday.





and finally .. Ireland beating the All Blacks wow ... rugby ... another great weekend coming up too and West Ham easy 3 pointer at home to Man City ..delusional moi ?? ... 22nd November is a lovely Buddhist Festival of Light where paper lights float on banana leaves and candles fly in kites to mark the passing of time ...we in the West now have Black Friday except it now goes on for a week .... how did that slip in ... Masterchef the Professionals is still great ..wrap up warm and enjoy the weekend!!