



### **Weekly Parent Update - Autumn Week 13**

Dear Parents,



We heard the famous call of John the Baptist during Celebration of the Word this week, "Repent! - The day is coming!" He warns the people in this weekend's Gospel (2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A). We have reflected with children this week on the Gospel value of mercy - the belief in God's unending love and forgiveness for us. We must be ready to acknowledge our faults and show remorse in our words and actions to experience God's forgiveness and, in turn, we must be open to forgiving others and sharing the overflow of God's love for us in the mercy that we share with them.

When things go wrong in school, we begin with a restorative conversation: an opportunity for everyone to share their truth, explain how they are feeling and what they need to move forward positively from the situation. The children never cease to amaze us with their openness and generosity in approaching these moments with a heart of forgiveness and mercy. You are an inspiration to the world children!

Wishing you a blessed weekend -  
Mr Collins

### **Christmas Trees at Whitmoor Common - Sunday 7th December**



A poster is attached with details of the annual Christmas Tree event at Whitmoor Common this Sunday. All donations are shared with the school's PFSA! Please support this event, if you can.

### **Admissions Policy 2027-28 PUBLIC CONSULTATION**



St Joseph's DRAFT Admissions Policy for 2027-28 is now [available online](#) and is open to public consultation because of a number of changes to the document include: making criteria clearer and reducing unnecessary criteria, ensuring notes are more succinct, adding children of staff, removing reference to parishes and removing the need for the SIF to be countersigned.

## **Catholic Parish of Guildford: 10% Christmas Charity Appeal**



This Christmas all are invited to consider donating up to 10% of our Christmas spending via this Appeal to three charities: a local, national and international charity, each meeting the needs of the 'Poorest of the Poor' or other 'extremely deserving cause'. The Charities represented in this years appeal include:

LOCAL: MATRIX TRUST Supporting mental health needs of young, vulnerable people across Guildford

NATIONAL: HOUSING JUSTICE Helps people out of homelessness and creates justice in the housing system

INTERNATIONAL: MARY'S MEALS Provides life-changing school meals to children in the world's poorest communities.

For more details and how to donate please visit [CPG 10% Christmas Charity Appeal](#)

### **School Admissions**



**Primary school  
admissions are open  
Apply by 15 January**

The window for Primary School admission applications for September 2026 is now open. Please find all the information you need on the [Surrey School Admissions website](#).

### **Upcoming Diary Dates**

#### **Monday 8th December**

Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal 1H & 2N - 1:45pm

#### **Tuesday 9th December**

Infant Nativity 1H & 2N - 9:30am

Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal 1K & 2R - 1:45pm

#### **Wednesday 10th December**

Infant Nativity 1K & 2R - 9:30am

Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal 1T & 2S - 1:45pm

#### **Thursday 11th December**

Infant Nativity 1T & 2S - 9:30am

#### **Friday 12th December**

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

PFSA Christmas Bake Sale

5P Swimming

Parent Prayer Group - 9:00am - All are welcome!

**Monday 15th December**

School Choir to RSCH

**Thursday 18th December**

Junior Christmas Production - 9:15am

Year 3 Carol Performance - 2:15pm

**Friday 19th December**

Junior Christmas Production - 9:15am

School Finishes at 1:30pm