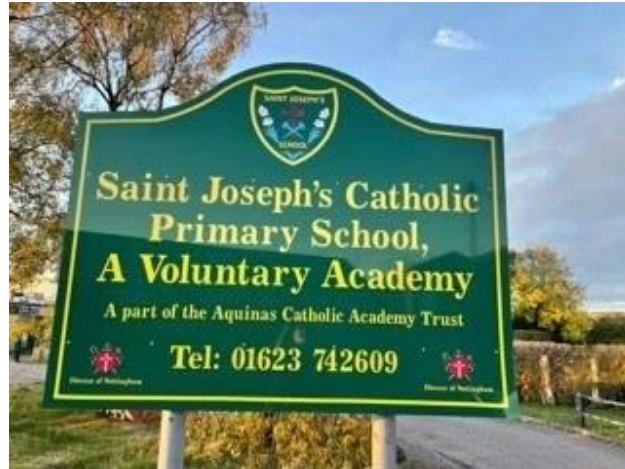


Friday 18th March

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



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Boxes for Ukraine

The Parish have secured a courier to ship supplies to those affected by the war in Ukraine. As a school, we are going to support this by each class packing a box of supplies for the children of Ukraine. If you wish to contribute to this, please send items for a child into school so that we can pack these in the class box. These items could include children's toothbrushes, toothpaste, card games, pencils, pens, colouring books, notebooks, socks etc. These boxes will be sent along with collections from the Parish before the Easter break.

Easter Egg Raffle

A reminder that we are preparing for our most popular raffle of the year, the Easter Egg Raffle. Thank you to those families who have already donated eggs to support this. Tickets are on sale in the classrooms. If you wish your child to purchase any tickets, please send them with £1 a strip to purchase them.

Blessing of Decorated Eggs

We are making a change to our usual decorated egg competition in school. This year we would like children to decorate one boiled egg. This could be painted, coloured or you could use glitter and sequins. On Thursday 31st March, these eggs will be blessed in church. They will then be kept and given as a gift to the Parish Family on Easter Sunday. This is a fantastic way for our children to wish our faith community a Happy Easter and to brighten up the homes of our Parish this Easter.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Mrs Seaman who has announced that she is expecting a baby in July. We are sure that you will keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers and share in our joy of her wonderful news.

School Facebook Page



A reminder that we have launched our school Facebook page. We have been adding updates of children's work and news for parents onto the page regularly. Please follow us at 'St Joseph's Shirebrook' to keep up to date with our latest class news and school events.

Parent Governor Elections

A reminder that our ballot for Parent Governor is still open until Friday 25th March. The ballot box is in the main office so if you have not yet managed to place your vote, make sure to add yours to the box. Thank you for your support.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is 'Journey'. Year 3 class have produced a wonderful video to aid us in our reflection as we continue on our Lenten journey together.

Attendance Award

We are delighted with how attendance is improving across school this term. A reminder that we will be rewarding our children with exceptional attendance with a non-uniform day on Thursday 24th March. Letters will be sent to invite children with attendance of 97% or above this term to attend school in their own clothes on this date. In addition, we will be rewarding those with the most improved attendance so an invitation will be sent out to those children too.

Prayers for Ukraine

We ask you to join us in prayer for our brothers and sisters around the world.

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their

choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen

Our peace wall is looking beautiful outside the school. Thank you to those parents who have sent in their prayers on a dove. If any other parents would like to add to the wall, please return your dove to school where we will laminate it and hang it for you.

Awards Assembly

Next Friday, 25th March, we will be celebrating our second Awards Assembly of the school year. We are delighted that we can invite parents into school to join the celebration. School will inform all parents whose child will be receiving an award on Wednesday and you will be invited to join us on Friday at 2:45. We ask that you do not tell your child if they are or are not expecting an award so that we can keep this a surprise for the assembly. Thank you for your support with this.

Kimmo

We are very excited to announce that Friends of St Joseph have arranged an evening with Kimmo, a children's entertainer on Thursday 31st March from 3:30-5. If you would like your child to attend the event, please book your place via ParentPay. On the evening, there will also be a tuck shop for children to purchase sweets and drinks. If you would like your child to buy these, please send them with a small amount of money on the day.

Easter Presentation

We are delighted that our KS2 children will be performing their Easter Presentation on Friday 1st April at 2pm. This is always a beautiful dramatization of the Easter story and the children are already working very hard on this. All parents are welcome to join us for the presentation in the school hall.

Parish News

A reminder that Mass at St. Joseph's is on Saturday evening at 5.00pm.

Parishioners and parents are now welcome to join our class Masses which are held in church each Tuesday at 9:10am linked to the theme of our Word of the Week.

On Friday, 25th March during the celebration of Penance at 17.00 in St. Peter's, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Parish will join with Pope Francis by praying the joyful mysteries after the 7.00p.m. Stations of the Cross in St. Philip's and after the 7p.m. evening Mass in St. Joseph's.