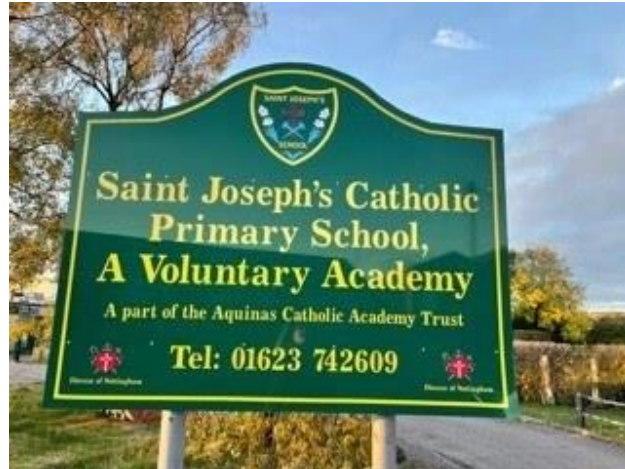


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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back



Welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed a peaceful half term break. We have been very impressed by the way that the children have returned to school this week. They have been ready to learn and are displaying the virtues of our Learner's Code in their actions both in and out of the classroom.

Learner's Code

This week we launched our new Learner's Code in school. All children have been given a booklet which explains this more clearly and details the behaviours that the children need to show to be able to achieve their bronze, silver and gold awards. Our Learner's Code is now linked to the virtues: love and charity, faith, respect, pride and courage. We will be looking carefully over the coming weeks to see where the children are living out these virtues in their everyday lives in preparation for our first band assembly.

Staffing

Sadly, Mrs Wilkins will be leaving us and moving to a new school this term. Mrs Wilkins has been a great asset to the school for 13 years and she will be greatly missed by both staff and children but we wish her luck as she begins her new adventure.

Mrs Wilkins' last day teaching in EYFS will be Wednesday 2nd March. Although Mrs Wilkins will be missed, we are delighted that Miss Jennings will be replacing her in her role as class teacher alongside Mrs Steele and EYFS Lead. I am sure that you will join us in wishing Mrs Wilkins every luck in her next chapter and will warmly welcome Miss Jennings into our school community.

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.

Parents' Evening



A reminder that we will be hosting our Parents' Evenings next week on Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd March. Letters have now been sent home so that you can sign up for an appointment with your class teacher. If you have not already done so, please return the forms with your email address so that the teachers can send out an invitation to the meeting on Microsoft Teams.

Word of the Week



The Word of the Week next week is 'Fasting'. Year 6 class have produced a wonderful video to aid us in our reflection as we begin our Lenten journey together on Ash Wednesday next week. As part of our Synodal response, we are now including a mission linked to this within our Word of the Week. Next week, our mission will be to give money to charity. This could be linked to your Lenten promise as we consider how we can do more to help our brothers and sisters around the world.

Fairtrade Fortnight



In school, we have been looking at Fairtrade Fortnight this week. Year 2 led a beautiful Mass linked to this on Tuesday and children across the school have contributed to a wonderful display in church to remind our Parish Family of this important Fortnight. In classes, children have started learning all about Fairtrade and the importance of ensuring that we care for our common home and worldwide community.

Shrove Tuesday Celebrations

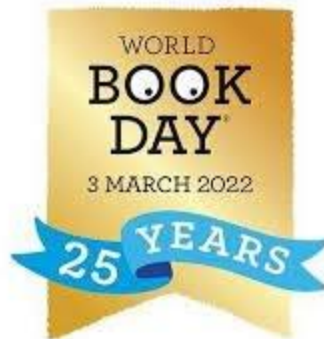


A reminder that next Tuesday 1st March, we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday in a different way to our normal traditions of making and eating pancakes. This year, we are going to have a Mardi Gras or 'Fat Tuesday' celebration in school. On this day, the kitchen will be making a special themed lunch and children will take part in Mardi Gras parades and activities throughout the day.

On Tuesday 1st March we would ask all children to come to school dressed in bright carnival clothing rather than their school uniform. Children may also wish to make and wear a Mardi Gras mask for the day.

This will be a wonderful and exciting opportunity for children to experience how many Christians celebrate Shrove Tuesday together.

World Book Day



In school we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. A reminder that this year we would like the children to design a bedroom for their favourite story character. This could be a 3D model using a shoe box, a poster or any other materials. Children should bring their bedroom designs into school on Thursday 3rd March to share with their class. There will be a prize for the best bedroom design in each class. We cannot wait to see your creativity.

In addition, we would also like children to bring their favourite book into school to share with their friends. Please make sure the books are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Parish News

A reminder that Mass at St. Joseph's is on Saturday evening at 5.00pm. Please remember to book using the usual booking system. 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.