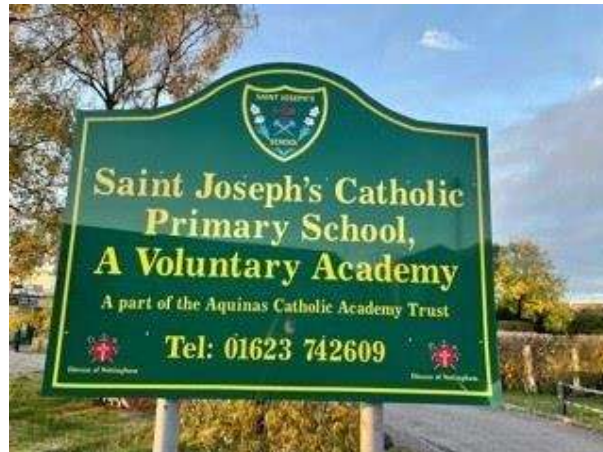


Friday 28th January

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



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Forest School Day

We are delighted to inform you that we are able to offer a Forest School Day open to all year groups during the half term holiday. The day will be held on Monday 14th February from 9am until 3pm on our forest school area on the field. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You should have received a letter with more information this week and a slip to register your interest.

Parent Workshops



On Wednesday 2nd February we will be hosting a Phonics and Reading Parent Workshop. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our parents to learn about how we teach phonics in EYFS and KS1. We have recently moved to a new Phonics Programme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised and will be moving to a new reading scheme that matches this. It is therefore highly recommended that all parents attend so that they can fully understand the changes that have taken place and how they can best support their child at home. Letters will be sent out next week with further information, please return to school with your email address so that we can send a link to the workshop.

Friends of St Joseph

A reminder that the PTA are looking for new members. If you are interested in joining their next meeting on 4th February, please contact the school office.

PE Kits

All children have PE lessons in school and therefore need to have their PE kit at all times. Although there are set times for PE, it is helpful for children to keep their kit in school in case of any timetabling changes. We would like to remind parents that our PE kit comprises of: a white polo t-shirt, green shorts, indoor trainers or plimsoles. All children should have this kit in school to wear during PE lessons. However, you may also wish your child to have a winter uniform in their bag for outdoor lessons.

Come and See Assembly

Next Friday, year 1, 3 and 5 will present their learning from RE lessons in their Come and See Assembly. Unfortunately, we are still unable to invite parents into school for assemblies. However, the classes will be recording the entire assembly which will be available on our YouTube channel next Friday so that you can enjoy this at home.

INSET Day

A reminder that school will be closed for pupils on Friday 11th February for an INSET day. Children will therefore break up for half term on Thursday 10th February and will return on Monday 21st February.

Word of the Week



The Word of the Week next week is 'Bravery'. Reception class have produced a wonderful video to aid us in our reflection of this and to encourage us all to be brave and do what is right. Their video this week has been inspired by Rosa Parks as we reflect on Rosa Parks Day on 4th February.

Speak Out, Stay Safe

Next week in school, as part of our bravery week, we will be looking at the NSPCC Programme, 'Speak out, Stay safe'. This programme has been developed to give children strategies to keep themselves safe and support children to feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. There are some useful parent resources to support this learning at home in this link Parent Resources¹

Congratulations!

We would like to offer our congratulations to Miss Dean, who has announced that she is expecting a baby boy in June. I am sure you will join us in wishing Miss Dean congratulations on this very exciting news.

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.

¹<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/working-with-schools>