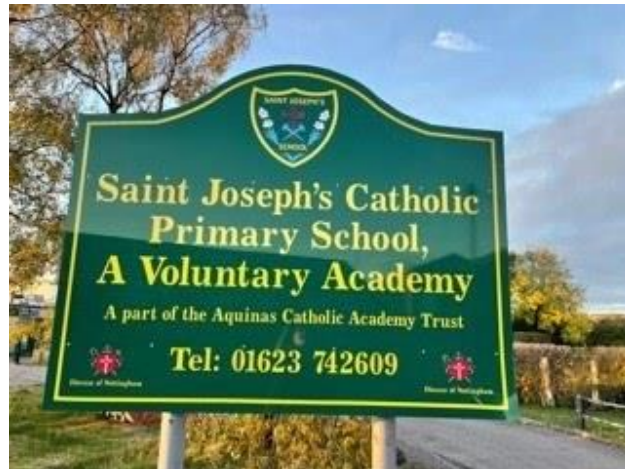


Friday 4th February

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



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Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2022 is on Tuesday 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

For 2022, the day celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet and the ways they are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. The platforms young people use are spaces for connection, community and collaboration, which is why the Day challenges them to foster supportive relationships and respectful communities, whilst equipping them with the skills they need to keep themselves and others safe in these spaces.

We will be using the day in school to remind children of the weekly lessons throughout the year which teach them how to stay safe online. There will also be a competition for children to enter which we will launch in school next week

Parent Workshops



On Wednesday 9th February we will be hosting the rescheduled 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 have been sent out this week with further information, please return to school with your email address so that we can send a link to the workshop.

School Facebook Page

We are delighted to announce that we have launched our school Facebook page. We will be 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.

Earrings in School

Our uniform policy states that small earrings studs are allowed in pierced ears. However, these must be removed during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. We would appreciate your support in removing earrings before children come into school on PE days if they are unable to remove them independently for PE.

In addition, we have noticed that an increasing number of children are wearing hooped earrings into school. Please note that these are not allowed as part of the school uniform as they are a health and safety risk at all times during the school day.

Come and See Assembly

Well done to year 1, 3 and 5 who presented their learning so confidently to the other children in school today. There will be a recording of the assembly for parents to watch at home on our YouTube channel this evening.

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 'Our Lady of Lourdes'. Year 2 class have produced a wonderful video to aid us in our reflection of this as we prepare to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday 11th February. In addition to this reflection, the children from year 2 to 6 will have the opportunity to join a virtual Mass streamed from St Barnabas Cathedral in celebration of our Trust Feast Day.

White Rose App

In school, we use White Rose to support the teaching of maths in all classes. White Rose have now developed a free app which is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils with a range of 1 minute tasks that focus on adding and subtracting. Each task give children engaging and targeted practice in basic number in a fun and engaging way. The app, which is now available to download to your device for free is called, '1 Minute Maths' from White Rose.

Shrove Tuesday Celebrations



Tuesday 1st March is Shrove Tuesday, the day before we begin in the Holy Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. There are many different traditions around the world as Christians celebrate this day.

In school, we are going to celebrate 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.

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.