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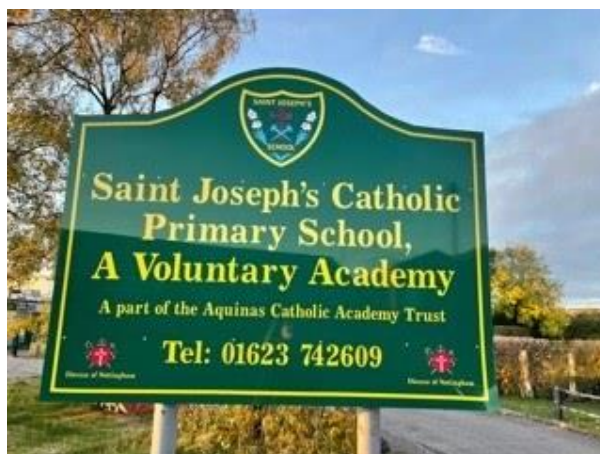
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back



I hope you have had a wonderful half term break and managed to enjoy the break, despite the weather.

This week, we welcomed Miss Nicki Lynes to our staff team as our Year 2 Teaching Assistant. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming Miss Lynes to our school community.

Synod

This week you will have received information about the Synodal consultation process. This process is a listening process and we are keen to hear your views on your dreams for our school and Church. Thank you to everyone who has completed the postcards and returned them to school. If you have yet to complete the questions on the postcards, then please do so this weekend and return them to the school office by Monday.

Attendance

Attendance at school in the run up to half term and this week as been significantly below expectations, particularly in some classes. Attendance of 90% or less is classed as persistent absenteeism and may lead to a fine and possible court action. There is a clear correlation between attendance at school and achievement; as we strive to ensure our children achieve the highest possible standards and achieve their unique potential and therefore want to work with all our families to ensure children attend school regularly. The best approach to take with attendance is to establish the expectation that children just go to school every day, unless they are really poorly or there is a compelling reason to be absent. It is vital for us to set up good habits which will ensure that they succeed in their learning and are well trained for the workplace. Whilst there will be some very legitimate reasons for a child to be absent from school, the usual coughs and colds are not a sufficient reason; if your child is unwell in school and needs to go home or seek medical treatment, then we will of course contact you. I would ask for your support in working collaboratively with us to ensure we reduce absenteeism in school.

Come and See Assembly

As we approach the end of our RE topic, children across school will be presenting their learning in Come and See Assembly. This year we have decided that children in Early Years will present a separate assembly. This term, Reception will present their learning on Wednesday 10th November at 3:00pm. Parents of children in Reception Class are most welcome to join us. From next term, Nursery children will begin participating in the assemblies.

Children in Year 2, 4 & 6 will present their Come and See Assembly on Friday 12th November at 2:45pm.

Friends of St. Joseph's

Our PTA, Friends of St. Joseph's, will be having a second hand uniform sale next Friday, 12th November. Items of uniform will be for sale at a price of 50p per item and will be available to purchase after school from the playground.

The next meeting of Friends of St. Joseph's will take place on Friday 26th November at 9:00am. The PTA are always delighted to welcome new members, so if you would like to join the PTA to support them in their fundraising and in the provision of events for children, then do please come along and join us.

Friends of St. Joseph's have planned a "Covid friendly" Christmas Fayre which will take place on Friday 3rd December. This will obviously be a different experience from previous years - more information to follow soon.

Learners' Code

As part of our Learners' Code, the children receive wrist bands to signify if they are a bronze, silver or gold learner. In order to support us in our mission to take care of our common home, I would kindly ask that if you have any bronze, silver or gold bands at home, please do return them to school to enable us to clean and reuse them. Thank you for your cooperation with this.