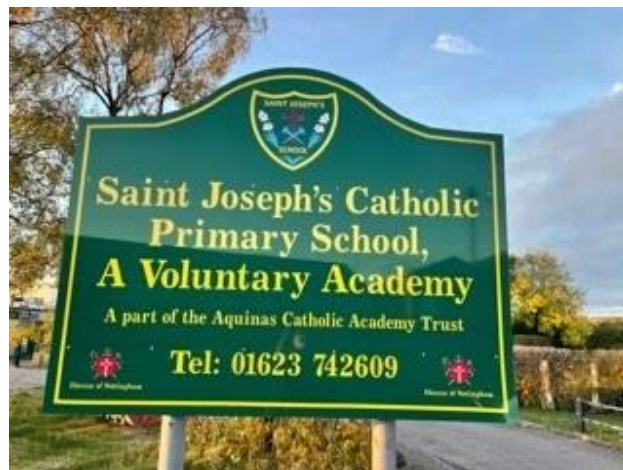




Friday 7th January

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



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Staffing

As you are all aware, I currently work as Director of Performance and Standards for our Trust for three days each week, during which time Mrs Seaman is Head of School. I am pleased to inform you that I have been now been appointed to work full time in this role, for the duration of the Lent term. This means that whilst I remain as Executive Headteacher, I will not be a physical presence in school as I usually have been. However, I will remain as Director of Performance and Standards for St. Joseph's. As a result, Mrs Seaman will be Head of School on a full time basis for this term. Miss Queenan, who is currently our Assistant Headteacher will now become Acting Deputy Headteacher full time, whilst still remaining as Year 6 Classteacher.

All of these appointments reflects highly on the level of skills, knowledge and expertise available within our school.

I am sure you will support Mrs Seaman and Miss Queenan in the same manner as you have supported me.

A Very happy New Year to all our Families. I hope you have enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday.

Parent Workshops



A reminder that we are running two Parent Workshops next week. On Wednesday 12th January, EYFS and KS1 staff will be running a Maths workshop. On Thursday 13th January, Key Stage 2 staff will be running a Reading Workshop. Both of these will run via TEAMS, so we would be grateful if you could return your slips as soon as possible, giving details of which email address you wish the invitation to be sent to.

These workshops provide an opportunity for Parents to gain an understanding of methods used to teach these subjects in school and how you can support your child at home.

Essential Visitors

Since Covid cases remain high Nationally, we will continue to follow guidance that essential visitors only should come into school. Unfortunately, therefore, we are currently unable to invite Parents into school for assemblies.

On Thursday of next week, we will hold our delayed Advent term awards assembly, where we celebrate the successes of our children throughout the term. Since we are unable to invite Parents to join us, if your child receives an award, we will take a photograph of your child receiving the award and send this home for you.

Pathway around school

In response to a small number of comments we have received regarding the narrow pathway around school when collecting children, we have contacted the necessary bodies to explore ways in which we can widen the path. Thank you for your support in maintaining distance currently and for bearing with us whilst we work towards achieving a better solution.

Word of the Week



The Word of the week this week is Dreams. Year 5 have created the film this week, which will be available to view on Sunday morning on our YouTube channel and our Twitter feed. Please do watch the video alongside your children and take the opportunity to reflect together.

MP Visit

We are delighted that our local Bolsover MP, Mr Mark Fletcher, will be visiting school next Friday to speak to our KS2 children about democracy and Parliament. Children will have the opportunity to ask questions of Mr Fletcher also. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to gain an insight into the workings of our Parliament and supports our curriculum learning about citizenship

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.