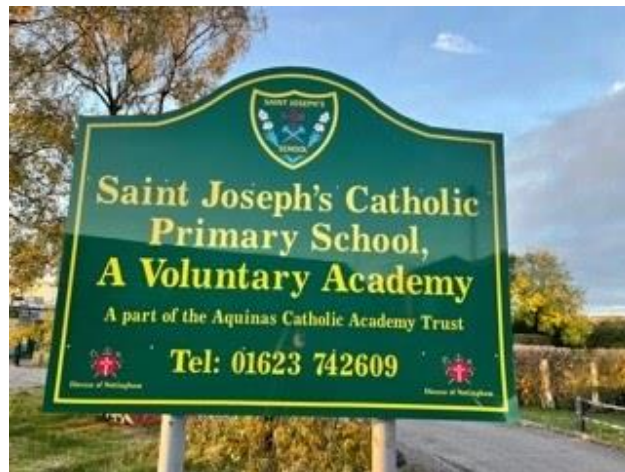


Friday 25th November

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

Newsletter



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Attendance



Attendance this week

Whole School: 92.7%

Reception: 91.7%

Year 1: 94.3%

Year 2: 89%

Year 3: 98.5%

Year 4: 91.6%

Year 5: 92.5%

Year 6: 96.6%

Some classes' attendance figures are still low. We have had some sickness throughout school. Just a reminder that if your child has experienced sickness or diarrhoea, they shouldn't come back to school until 48 hours from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to stop the spread of this bug around school affecting more children than necessary.

This year to celebrate great attendance, Joseph Bear will get to stay in the class with the highest attendance from that week. This week it goes to Year 3! Well done!

Staffing

Mrs Chawner, our Year 4 teacher and KS2 leader, has been successful in achieving a new role at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Sleaford. She will go there as their new Deputy Headteacher. Although we will miss Mrs Chawner greatly, we are so pleased that she is staying within the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust and can share all the great work completed at St Joseph's with another school in our Trust. She will be with us until the Christmas break. We thank Mrs Chawner for all the amazing work she has done at this school and wish her all the best for her future.

Following the Christmas break, Mrs Steele will be teaching in Year 4 three days a week. She will be sharing this role with another teacher who will be in 3 days as well. This role will be advertised and we hope to appoint before Christmas.

Miss Jennings, our EYFS lead, will be staying as the Reception class teacher and we will be appointing an EYFS teacher to complete some work in Reception and Nursery.

A reminder that we are still looking for someone to be our After School Club leader. Please see all vacancies at:

<https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies/>

Contacting Staff

Staff in school are always happy to discuss questions or issues with family members. To ensure contact is appropriate for staff, we would please ask that any contact is made in person, over the phone or via email to the info@st-josephs-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk rather than staff's individual email addresses.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Events

The Christmas season is approaching! This is a very busy time in school and so here are the upcoming dates for events in school over the next few weeks:

- KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Nativity on Friday 2nd December at 2pm in the hall
- KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Nativity on Wednesday 7th December at 6pm in the hall.
- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity on Thursday 8th December at 10am.
- Christmas Fayre at 2pm in the school hall on Friday 9th December.
- Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 14th December.
- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity on Wednesday 14th December at 2.30pm
- Christmas Disco on Thursday 15th December after school until 5.30pm.
- Awards Assembly on Friday 16th December at 2.30pm.
- KS2 (Year 3-6) Carol Concert on Wednesday 21st December at 2pm.

Nativity

Information regarding the EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances will be sent out in the coming weeks. This will give you the dates and the opportunity to purchase tickets for this. There is a small cost to

¹<mailto:info@st-josephs-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk>

cover the price of putting on this performance. If you have any issues regarding the cost or are struggling with paying this, please let school know and we will support you with this.

Christmas Fayre Hampers

For our Christmas Fayre, each class will be making a hamper which will be won as part of FOSJ's raffle. We are please asking for donations. This year it is going to be on a colour theme.

Reception/Nursery- Pink

Year 1- White/Silver

Year 2- Gold

Year 3- Orange

Year 4- Purple

Year 5- Red

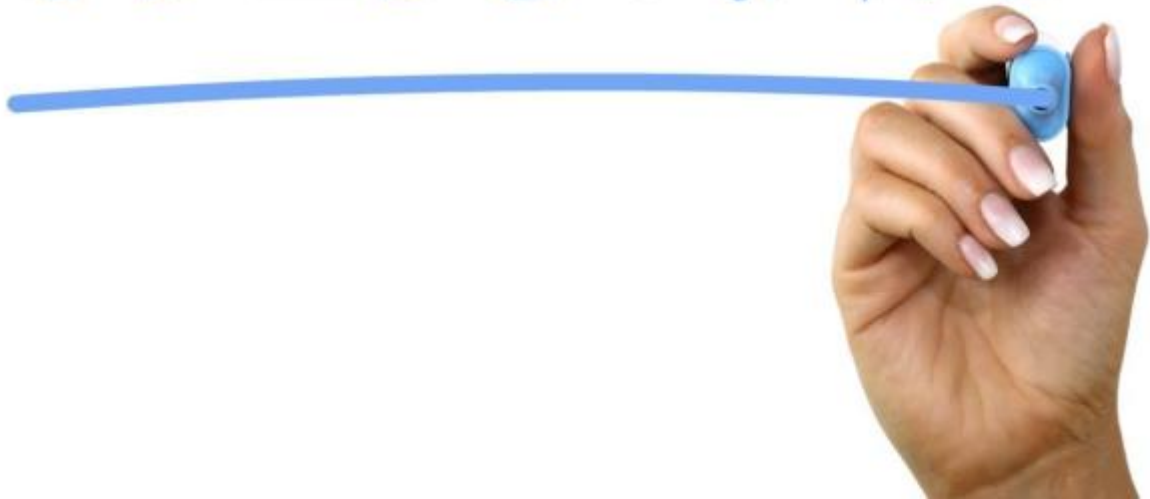
Year 6- Blue

These could be anything that could go into a hamper like food, drink, toys, books or toiletries.

Thank you for your support!

Children's Achievements

CELEBRATE



Well done to Dolly in Reception who read and helped at St Teresa's Mass for Christ the King Sunday. She also achieved her level 2 swimming award!

Charlotte K in Year 4 has passed her Level 5 in swimming this week.

Rory in Nursery has been Irish dancing for one year now and received the trophy for a brilliant 'hop jig.

Very proud of you all.

Please remember to send any children's achievements outside of school to Miss Queenan or Mrs Fearn by the Thursday of each week- we love celebrating your achievements.

Uniform

A few reminders please about uniform:

- Long hair should please be tied back for school.
- Black school shoes should be worn instead of trainers.
- White shirts should please be worn instead of polo t-shirts.
- Ties should be worn with school shirts.

School Facebook Page



It is wonderful to see so many new followers on our school Facebook page. We have been adding updates of children's work and news for parents to the page regularly. Please follow us at 'St. Joseph's Shirebrook' to keep up to date with our latest class news and school events.

Word of the Week

Our Word of the Week next week is 'Hope' as this Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent. This week's video was created by Year 1. You can find this on our school Youtube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR3QaicZnnnGxWXG3sEv-pQ>

Masses



The Mass for next week will be a whole school mass to celebrate the beginning of Advent at 9am on Tuesday 29th November at 9am. As always, all are welcome!

From the Parish Community

Advent 2022

80 MILES ON A DONKEY. Each Sunday of Advent, at the start of Mass , as well as lighting the Advent candle/s, there will be a short reflection on Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem.

Mary, Joseph and the donkey will be out in the Church to remind us of the 80 miles they travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem. You might like to get the figures of Mary and Joseph and the Donkey from your nativity set and move them around your house. The reflections for the 4 weeks will be on the website.

ON THE 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, known as Bambino Sunday, you are invited to bring the Bambino from your nativity set for a blessing at Mass. This blessing will be at every Mass. You could create a nativity set with your children and bring their bambino to be blessed.