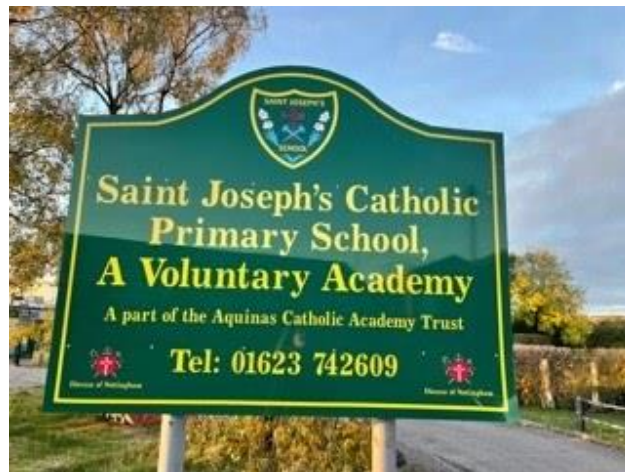


# Friday 20th January

## St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

### Newsletter



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## NEU Strike Action

You may be aware from the media and from recent communication from the Trust that members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted for strike action. Other teaching unions (NASWT and NAHT) did not receive the required number of ballot papers and so will not be striking at this point. The NEU has identified six days of strike, four of which will affect our schools. These are:

**Wednesday 1 February 2023**

**Wednesday 1 March 2023**

**Wednesday 15 March 2023**

**Thursday 16 March 2023**

In line with Government guidance, it is our intention to keep school open; however, we will inform you of any changes to this closer to the time of the strikes.

## Attendance

A reminder that we will be monitoring attendance this term ready for our attendance award at the end of term. We will be looking for children with over 97% attendance, 100% attendance and most improved attendance.

Overall, the attendance across school this week is **95.7%**

This week the attendance across school is:

Reception- 95.3%

Year 1- 95.3%

Year 2- 92.3%

Year 3- 96.2%

Year 4- 99.7%

Year 5- 93.8%

Year 6- 96.9%

Congratulations to year 4 who have won our attendance award this week. Well done!

It is great to see that attendance has improved in some classes this week. Hopefully all classes will have improved attendance next week.

## Parent Forest School



A reminder that this term, we are excited to extend our Forest School provision by offering an opportunity for parents to engage in a forest school session with their child. The sessions will run from 2:15- 3:30 and will run despite the weather. Therefore we encourage parents to dress appropriately.

Monday 23rd January- Year 3

Monday 30th January- Year 1

Monday 6th February - Year 5

Monday 27th February- Year 6

Monday 6th March - Reception

Monday 13th March - Nursery

Monday 20th March - Year 2

This is an amazing opportunity and we look forward to welcoming year 3 parents next week.

## After School Club

We would like to take this opportunity for your patience while we seek to improve our after school provision. We are currently in discussions with a number of providers who offer exciting opportunities for after school clubs. In the meantime, we are still only able to offer a reduced after school club until 5pm until half term. We appreciate that this has been frustrating for parents and appreciate your support with this. As a token of appreciation and to reflect the reduced time, the temporary cost for after school club for the remainder of this term will be £3.50.

## Meat Free Monday



This week has been Energy Saving Week and our Eco Committee has been busy thinking of ways we can save energy and care for our planet. As a school community, we are always considering ways in which we can care for our common home. From Monday, we are going to be a 'Meat Free Monday' school. This means that each Monday, no meat will be served in school.

As a school community, if we go meat free for one day a week until the end of the school year, we could have a huge impact on our planet. We could:

- Save 118387.9 bathtubs of water
- Save 446.77 tennis courts of forests
- We would save the equivalent amount of greenhouse gases as driving from London to Edinburgh
- 114.73 people would be fed. Animal agriculture uses about a quarter of the world's grain -so we would be lowering the price of grain and the poorest people would find it easier to feed themselves

This is an easy way that we can all care for our common home together!

## Over and Above Behaviour!

As a school we are always looking to reward over and above behaviour from the children. This term we are beginning our, 'Hot Chocolate Friday' reward. Each week, a child from each class will be selected for demonstrating over and above behaviour and will be invited to have hot chocolate and a chat with Mrs Seaman.

This week the following children have been selected:

Nursery- Lidia

Reception- Poppy H

Year One- Kacper

Year Two - Akosita

Year Three - Peyton

Year Four- Helena

Year Five - Bobby L

Year Six- Ariana

Well done children! We are so proud that you have demonstrated such amazing behaviour around school!

In addition, look out for postcards home from school this term! All staff have 5 postcards that they can send home to parents when they see over and above behaviour around school. These will be sent out in the post to celebrate and share with families. If your child receives a post card, please share a picture of your child with it so that we can celebrate this on our school Facebook page.

## Movie Night

On Thursday 26th January, Friends of St Joseph will be hosting a Movie Night in school until 5pm for all children from Reception class to year 6. If you would like your child to attend, please make payments through Arbor.

## Winter Coat Exchange



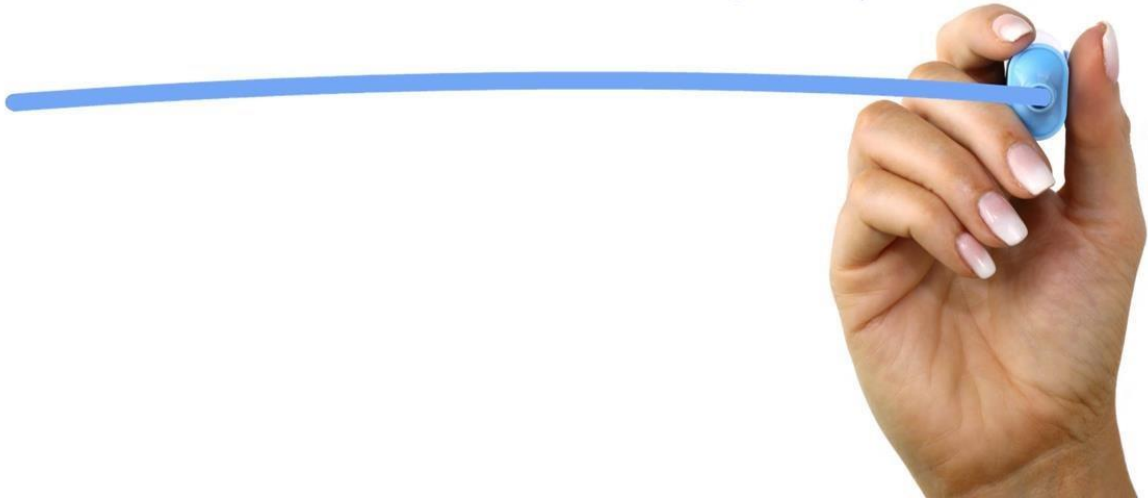
A reminder that we are running our winter coat exchange in school. We already have a number of coats in school that have been kindly donated by our families. If you have a winter coat that is no longer any use at home and you would like to donate, please bring it to the school office.

These coats are available for parents to take and use for their child this winter. This is an amazing opportunity for families to get coats whilst being kinder to our pockets and the environment.

If you would like one of our donated coats, please contact the school office.

## Children's Achievements

# CELEBRATE



Great work Archie C from year 3 who moved up to stage 4 swimming group this week!

Congratulations to Sebastian in year 3 who moved up to stage 3 in swimming.

Well done Archie O in year 3 who got a gold medal on karate.

Well done to Amelia H who mastered doing the splits this week!

Brilliant work from Wiktorija K in year 3 who mastered handstands this week.

Excellent work Julia in year 3 who got an improvement award for her bar work in gymnastics.

Well done Charlotte B in year 4 who came second in a Girl Guides competition.

Excellent work Richard in year 5 who won a crossbow competition in Cubs.

Congratulations to Beatrix in year 5 who passed her badge in gymnastics.

Well done to Henlee in year 5 who got a trophy at football.

Excellent work Taylor in year 1 who swam a whole length (25m) in swimming this week.

We are very proud of you all.

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

## 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 'Memorial' as we recognise the Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January. This video was created by Year 6 and is a beautiful opportunity for us all to reflect. You can find this on our school Youtube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR3QaicZnnnGxWXG3sEv-pQ>

## Masses



Thank you to Year 4 who led us in Mass this week. Our next class Mass will be led by year 3 on Tuesday 24th January. As always, all parents and parishioners are welcome.

## From the Parish Community

St. Joseph's Church is open on Friday's from 8.15 - 8.45 a.m.; Mass is at 8.45. If anyone wishes to pop in for a chat or for help one of the Sisters will be there. Feel free to come in - always ready to help with whatever is needed.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church, top of High St., Warsop (on A60) Community Cafe is now open on SATURDAYS 11a.m. -2.00pm - tea and coffee; 12.00 - 1.30 Food served. You are welcome to a hot meal by donation OR if you would like to volunteer to help serve those who come along. For more information see Sr Susan.

Please feel free to join the children to celebrate Mass in Church each Tuesday.