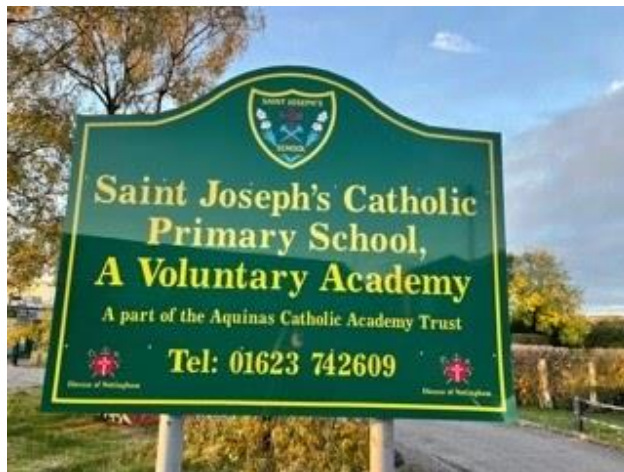


Friday 6th January

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

Newsletter



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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a joyful and restful Christmas and spent some time with your family! It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so enthusiastic and ready to learn. We are looking forward to another busy term at St Joseph's and have many exciting things ahead.

Parent Forest School



We are incredibly lucky to have forest school provision at school, which all children have the opportunity to access over the academic year.

This term, we are excited to extend this 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. Letters to confirm these sessions will be sent home in the coming weeks. The dates for each session are as follows:

Monday 16th January- Year 4

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

This is amazing opportunity and we look forward to welcoming you to our Forest School.

Competition Winners!

Before Christmas, year 6 entered a writing competition, "A twist in a tale". We are delighted to announce that a number of our children have been selected to have their short stories published.

Parents will have received information on how to give permission for their child's work to be published and how to order copies of the book. A reminder that this permission needs to be given by January 20th January. Well done children, we are all very proud of you!

Parent Voice Survey

As we constantly strive to further improve our relationship with families and the support we provide in school, we have sent a parent survey out this week. This is an opportunity to gather the view of all of our parents in relation to parents' evenings, parent workshops and other support that we can offer. Once these have been completed and analyzed, we will share our actions based on this on our new parent voice board in the foyer.

We appreciate your time when completing the survey and look forward to hearing your views on how we can further support our families.

Winter Coat Exchange

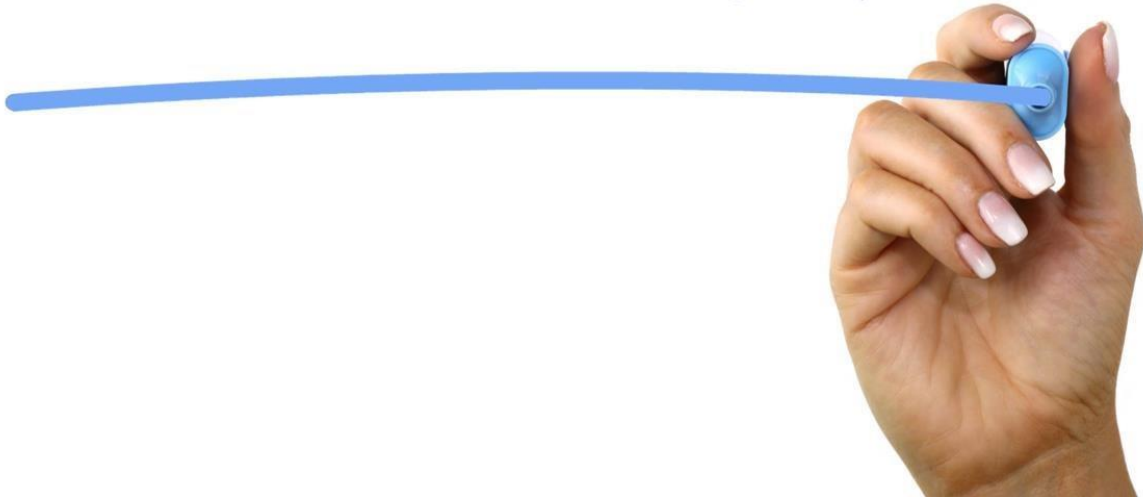


As the weather drops colder, it is becoming increasingly important that children all wear weather appropriate clothing to school. This includes a coat, hat and scarf.

We are aware that children grow very quickly and these expensive items often do not last very long before a growth spurt. Therefore, this year we are arranging a winter coat exchange in school. 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 will then be 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.

Children's Achievements

CELEBRATE



Well done to Lola in year 4 for achieving a dance award.

Great work Lewis in year 5 for being awarded a football trophy!

Congratulations to Hugo in year 4 for achieving his 10m award at swimming.

Well done Seren in year 4 who came 2nd in her cheerleading competition.

Well done Weston in year 3 and Keallan in our Reception class who have both successfully learnt how to ride their bikes. Well done boys!

Brilliant work from Asha in year 3 who was recognised for her good swimming

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 'Religion' as we celebrate world religion day on 15th January. This video was created by Year 3. You can find this on our school Youtube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR3QaicZnnnGxWYG3sEv-pQ>

Masses



Well done to the children who led us in a beautiful Mass this morning to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Our next class Mass will be led by year 4 on Tuesday 17th January. As always, all parents and parishoners are welcome.

From the Parish Community

The parish would like to share a new year blessing with you.

May your New Year be blessed with Light, Love and Peace.

May Christ the Lord guide your steps in safety throughout 2023 and always.