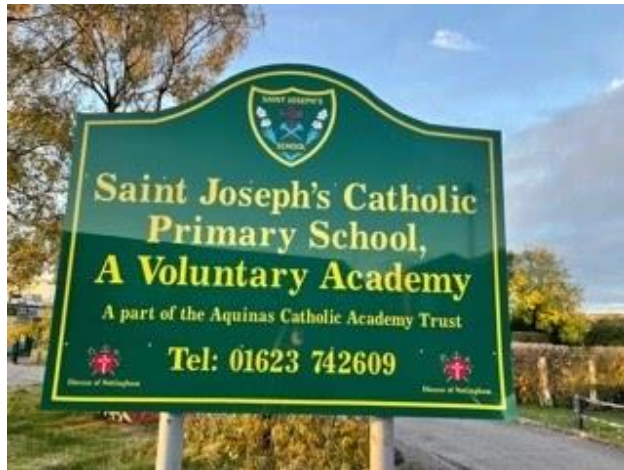


Friday 3rd February

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

Newsletter



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PJ Day

We are delighted to inform you that year one have organised a school PJ day on Thursday 9th February. This is to support their class charity, Sheffield Children's Hospital, a cause very close to our hearts as they have supported and cared for many of our children across the school. On Thursday 9th, we invite all classes to come dressed in their PJs. Please ensure that children have weather appropriate coats and outdoor footwear. If you would like to make a donation please click the link below. We will also have collection boxes for change on the day.

<https://events.tchc.org.uk/fundraisers/stjosephs/teamtheospjday2023>

INSET Day

On Friday 10th February, school will be closed to pupils as we host a staff INSET day. School will then reopen to pupils on Monday 20th February after half term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for your support this term and wish you all a restful break.

Parent Workshops

We will be hosting two parent workshops next week.

RSE and Safeguarding on Tuesday 7th February

KS2 Guided Reading on Thursday 9th February

Letters with further information about these have been sent home this week. If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact the school office.

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 **93.4%**

This week the attendance across school is:

Reception- 95.7%

Year 1- 94%

Year 2- 97.3%

Year 3- 91.9%

Year 4- 95%

Year 5- 90.6%

Year 6- 94.7%

Congratulations to year 2 who have won our attendance award this week. Well done!

Well done to reception, year one and year two for their improved attendance this week. Unfortunately there has been a drop in attendance in some classes this week. We are hopeful that this will improve 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 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 5 parents next week.

After School Club

We are excited to announce that we will be moving forwards with our after school provision. We will be starting to work with Limetrees, who have a fantastic reputation for providing exciting after school clubs. In the coming weeks, Limetrees will be sending out information about their provision and will be hosting a parents' meeting to answer any questions that you may have.

In the meantime, we will continue to be operating a reduced after school provision until 5pm until Limetrees are able to start their provision. We are hopeful that this will be shortly after the half term break but will keep you updated on a start date as soon as possible.

Chaplaincy Team

We were very proud of our chaplaincy team members; Maja, Peyton, Harry, Ellis, Eva, Ciara, Beatrix, Bobby, Lola, Max, Olivia, Phoebe and Jacob who attended a retreat day at St Joseph's in Boughton. We were very proud of how polite and well behaved the children were. Well done!

Mardi Gras



As in previous years, we will be celebrating Mardi Gras on Shrove Tuesday (21st February). This is an opportunity for children to celebrate before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. To celebrate this, we ask that all children attend school on 21st February in brightly coloured clothing. There will be a special 'Rainbow Pizza Party' at lunch time and Mardi Gras parades and activities throughout the day.

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- Julian

Reception- Freddie

Year One- Everly

Year Two - Mila

Year Three - Julia

Year Four- Charlotte K

Year Five - Bryson

Year Six- Julia

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.

Winter Coat Exchange



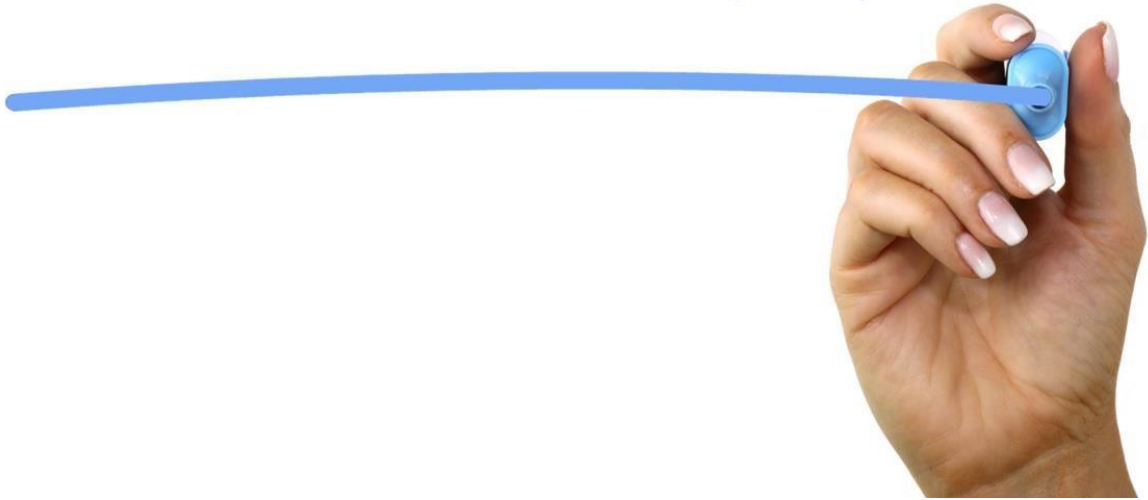
A reminder that we are running our winter coat exchange in school. We already have a number of coats in school that have been kindly donated by our families. If you have a winter coat that is no longer any use at home and you would like to donate, please bring it to the school office.

There are now a number of coats 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. These can be collected by parents or given to children in a bag to bring home.

Children's Achievements

CELEBRATE



Great work Jacob in year 6, this week he has passed his Freestyle Silver dance exam and has completed the Chilly Challenge with his scout group where he camped out on Saturday night with temperatures as low as -3C. Well done Jacob!

Ciara in year 4 attended an Irish dancing competition last weekend. She won two 2nd place, two 3rd place, one 4th and one 5th place award. Excellent work!

Archie in our reception class was awarded 'Man of the Match' this week at football. Amazing achievement Archie!

Well done Charlotte K in year 4 who came 2nd in her Irish dancing competition. Excellent work Charlotte!

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.

Come and See Assembly

Well done to years 1, 3 and 5 for a wonderful Come and See assembly. They presented their work beautifully from their current RE learning in class. We were very proud of how the children presented themselves and professed their faith so proudly.

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 'Our Lady' as we prepare to celebrate the Feast Day of our Trust on the 11th February. This video was created by Year 5 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 2 who led us in Mass this week. Our next class Mass will be led by year 1 on Tuesday 7th February. As always, all parents and parishioners are welcome.

From the Parish Community

Prayer for the children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Lord Jesus, We thank and praise you for the gift of our children. Be with them, their parents and catechists in our Pastoral Area, as they prepare in this year to encounter you more deeply in the Eucharist... May they come to know, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness. May their ears hear your voice. May their eyes see your presence in all things. May their lips proclaim your word. May their hearts be your dwelling place. May their hands do works of charity. May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, today and always. Amen.

An Invitation from the Presentation Sisters and Associates

Becoming an Associate is a call from God to live the Gospel life in relationship with a particular Religious Community and share in their spirituality and charism as lay women and men in the world. The call to commitment requires a desire to live the values and mission of the community.

Being in association with the Presentation Sisters is a way of sharing in the spirit of their foundress Nano Nagle and the Sisters as they strive to live by Gospel Values following the charism of Nano and her vision.

If you would like to know more about Nano Nagle and the Sisters and share in their mission to bring the good news to the poor, come along to the Convent in Shirebrook on Thursday, 2nd February at 7p.m.-8p.m. to meet the Sisters and the Associates and discover who Nano was; what she stood for and how the Sisters continue her mission in our world today.

(The Scripture sharing will form a part of this meeting)