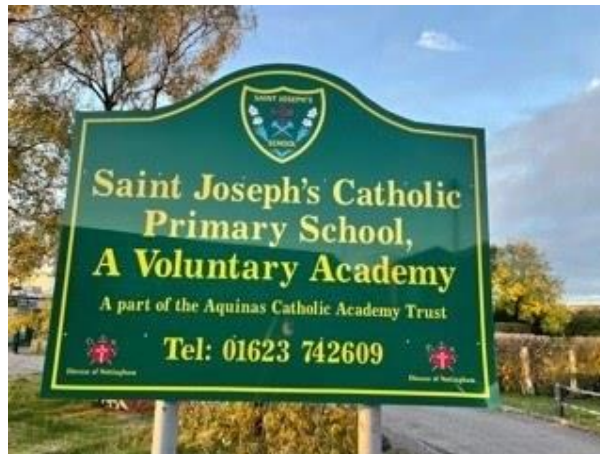


Friday 10th March

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



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Snow Day

We would like to thank parents for their support today. Closing school is always a difficult decision and one that we do not take lightly.

We recognise that there were some technical difficulties with online lessons today and we would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. We will ensure that these issues are rectified to ensure a smoother online learning experience should we have to close school in the future.

We hope that you all managed to enjoy the snow!

Attendance

The whole school attendance this up week and is **95.4%**

Reception Class - 89.3%

Year One- 96.6%

Year Two - 94.7%

Year Three- 99.6%

Year Four- 97.8%

Year Five- 95.3%

Year Six- 95.6%

Well done to year 3 who have won our attendance award this week! Amazing achievement children! Attendance has improved this week in year 1, year 2 and year 3. Well done!

We are hopeful that attendance will improve next week and that all classes are above 95%

SATs Parents' Meeting

Children in year 2 and year 6 are busily preparing to complete their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) later this year. Miss Queenan and Miss Egerton have each organised parents meetings to explain what these tests will look like, how children will be preparing and how you can support them at home.

Due to the weather, the Year 6 SATs meeting will now take place- Tuesday 14th March at 4pm

Year 2 SATs meeting- Monday 20th March at 3:45pm

Forest School



Next week, on Monday 13th March, we are excited to welcome Nursery Class parents to visit our Forest School with their children at 2:15pm. Please make sure that you have suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

A reminder of our upcoming dates for Forest School:

Year 2 and parents on Monday 20th March at 2:15pm

Parents and Toddlers on Monday 27th March at 2:15pm

Children's Achievements



Well done to Dylan in year 4! Dylan was player of the match on Saturday after helping secure the team a 4-0 win

Excellent work Musa and Lamin. Both brothers got Man of the Match in their football matches on Saturday and Lamin scored 2 goals!

We love celebrating your child's out of school achievements! Please make sure you share these with school so that we can publish them in our newsletter.

Reading café



We are delighted to announce that we will be starting a weekly reading café for our parents and children in school. This is an opportunity to get together, enjoy some delicious refreshments and read with your child! The sessions will run from 8:45- 9:20am in the school hall. We cannot wait to welcome our parents into school and promote the love of reading to all of our children. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits for all adults and the opportunity to purchase a bacon or sausage cob from our kitchen!

Friday 17th March – Reception Class

Friday 24th March – Year One

Friday 31st March – Year Two

Friday 21st April – Year Three

Friday 28th April – Year Four

Friday 5th May – Year Five

Friday 19th May – Nursery

We will endeavor to rearrange the reading café for year 6 and will contact parents with another date in the coming weeks.

School Facebook Page



A reminder that we have launched our school Facebook page. We have been adding updates of children's work and news for parents onto 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

The Word of the Week next week is 'Faithful'. Year 2 class have produced a wonderful video to aid us in our reflection as we join Pope Francis in celebrating ten years of his pontificate on Monday 13th March.

All Saints School Performance

We are fortunate to have wonderful links with All Saints Secondary School in Mansfield. Our year 5 pupils have been invited to attend their performance of Matilda on 29th March. We have arranged for a coach to collect the children and take them to All Saints for the morning. A letter with further information will be sent to parents in the coming weeks.

First Holy Communion



We are excited to celebrate our Enrolment Mass with the children preparing for the Sacraments this Saturday, 11th March at 5pm. Our sessions to prepare the children will commence after the Enrolment Mass.

Come and See Assembly

Unfortunately, due to the weather, we had to cancel our Come and See assembly in school. The children had worked exceptionally hard to prepare the assembly and have therefore rescheduled this for Thursday 16th March at 2:45. We hope that parents are able to join us in school to celebrate the children's work from RE work from this topic. Children in year 2, 4 and 6 will be presenting their work. We apologise for the change of date.

Parish News

A reminder that Mass at St. Joseph's is on Saturday evening at 5.00pm.

Parishioners and parents are now welcome to join our class Masses which are held in church each Tuesday at 9:10am linked to the theme of our Word of the Week.

A special prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate

On Monday, March 13, Pope Francis will be celebrating ten years of his pontificate.

To highlight this milestone anniversary in a “viral” manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map¹ featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him.

Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Marys. "In the end we will send the Holy Father the map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Marys that are prayed for him, thanking God for His Mercy, "

Go to -<https://www.decimus-annus.org/it/site/index>

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Please say a Hail Mary – (or more) for Pope Francis on Monday

¹<https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>