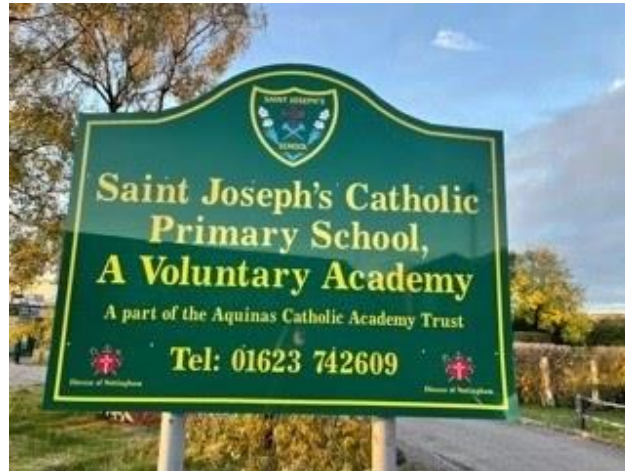


# Friday 31st March

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

## NEWSLETTER



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## Last Day of Term

We have come to the end of our term together. It has been a very busy and successful term for us as a school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for the support you have demonstrated this term.

School will be closed for all pupils for the Easter break. School will reopen on Tuesday 18th April. This will be a non uniform day for all pupils.

A reminder that after Easter, children can return to school in summer uniform. If any parents would like to see examples of the NEW summer uniform for girls (green gingham dresses) we have examples available in the school office.

We would like to wish our school community a happy and Holy Easter. We hope that you enjoy your break and that the weather improves for us all!

## Attendance

The whole school attendance is up this week and is **93.9%**

Reception Class - 97.6%

Year One- 89.6%

Year Two - 96.6%

Year Three- 95.3%

Year Four- 97.2%

Year Five- 89.7%

Year Six- 94.7%

Well done to Reception class who have won our attendance award this week! Amazing achievement children! Attendance has improved this week in Reception, year 3 and year 6. Well done!

We congratulated those children with 97% and above and most improved attendance this week. We will be continuing to monitor attendance closely next term and there will be a further opportunity for your child to achieve 97% and above attendance. Attendance letters will be sent in the first week of term to inform all parents what their child's attendance is so far this year.

## **Easter Celebrations!**

We have come to the close of a very busy term and have prepared and reflected in many ways during the Season of Lent.

When we return to school after the holidays, we will be in the Season of Eastertide. This is a wonderful season which spans from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

To mark the beginning of this celebration together, on Tuesday 18th April, children can come to school dressed in their own clothes. During this day, the kitchen will prepare a celebration dinner and there will be Easter activities in classes.

## **Easter Presentation**

Children in Key Stage 2 presented the events of Holy Week beautifully in our Easter presentation today. We were so proud of how respectfully and confidently the children presented this story. Well done children!

## **Free Breakfast Club**

As a school, we are very aware that the cost of living is continuing to rise. In an attempt to support our families with this, we are trialing a FREE breakfast club after the Easter Holidays. All children are invited to attend the breakfast club free of charge from 7:30-8:30 each morning. Children can arrive at any time within this window to have breakfast and play with a range of available activities. We are hoping that this will support our parents and will allow more children to take advantage of this opportunity to eat and socialise before school. This trial will run until we break up for the summer holidays in July.

Please note that this will be available for children in Reception class - year 6.

## **Dates for Next Term**

As a school, we try to plan for many opportunities to share learning and activities with our parents and school community. From the feedback in our most recent survey, we noted that parents appreciated notice of these dates. We have therefore shared the dates for next term via email this week. In addition, these dates will be available on our school website. If you have any questions regarding these dates, please contact school.

## Forest School



Our parent Forest school sessions have been wonderful this term and we are delighted that we are able to continue this offer after the Easter break. Dates for parent forest school session for next term have been emailed in the list of dates for next term.

Our first session will be a parent and toddler session on Monday 24th April.

## Children's Achievements



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.

## Over and Above Behaviour

We are always looking at how we can reward over and above behaviour in school!

Over this half term, many of our children have received a postcard home to celebrate their amazing behaviour! After the Easter break, any child who received a postcard can bring it into school and use this to purchase any item from our school shop.

We are looking forward to continuing to celebrate our over and above behaviour next term!

## Reading café



We are delighted to announce that we will be continuing our 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 8:30 - 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 21st April – Year Three

Friday 28th April – Year Four

Friday 5th May – Year Five

Friday 19th May – Nursery

**Year 6 reading cafe has been rescheduled for Friday 26th May**

## 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 after the Easter break is 'Rejoice'. Reception class have produced a wonderful video to aid us in our reflection as we enter the season of Eastertide .

## All Saints School Performance

Year 5 visited All Saints School this week to watch their performance of Matilda Jr. Our children represented our school beautifully and were very impressed by the professional quality of the performance. It was great to see so many of our past pupils in the production, including the main role of Matilda.

## First Holy Communion



We continue to pray for our children who are preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We also pray for those children across our Parish at St Philip's and St Patrick's Schools.

Our children will be reading in Mass on Saturday 29th April at 5pm.

## 0-2 year old Parent and Baby Group

We are really excited to announce that after the Easter holidays we will be hosting an under 2s parent and baby group in school. Sunshine's Baby Group will begin a weekly session for parents and 0-2 year old children each **Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am**. This is an amazing opportunity for parents to have a cup of tea and a chat while their little ones play! Please note that this will not run on Wednesday 10th May.

## Parish News

The Parish Pastoral Team wish you every blessing for Easter. May the Lord fill your hearts with his joy and peace.

Holy Week Events at Joseph's, Shirebrook

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| Saturday 5p.m. | - Palm Sunday  |
| Good Friday    | - 7p.m. Stations of the Cross with pictures from Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem |
| Holy Saturday  | - 11.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Blessing of Food                                |
| Easter Sunday  | - Mass is at 10.30a.m.   |

Information about the services in the other Churches can be found on the Parish newsletter.