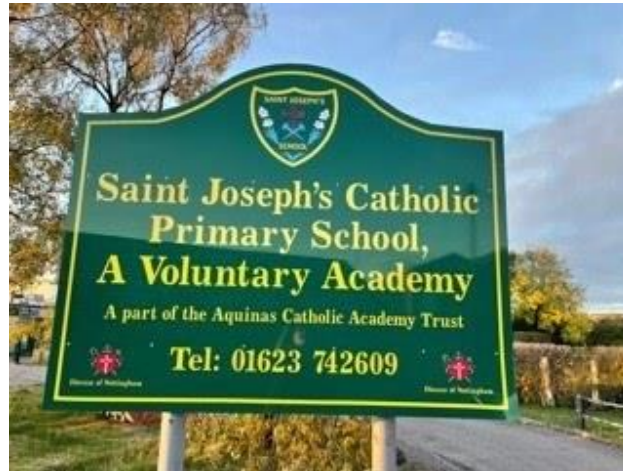


Friday 15th September

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



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Our Mission Statement

In school we have been looking at our mission statement, 'Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today. Children have been thinking about how they can live out our mission in their daily lives. This week, all classes will be focusing on this as part of their homework. We hope that this promotes discussion about our mission statement at home.

Catholic Life and Mission

This week we enjoyed a beautiful liturgical prayer led by year 5. They asked us all to live out a mission to think of ways we can live out democracy and help us to get along better with others.

Coming into school

We have been really impressed with how our children have returned to school this term. They have been very grown up and have demonstrated wonderful walking as they enter the school. We encourage independence within all of our children and therefore it is important that they come into school without an adult. There is always a member of staff to greet them on the door and there will be an adult in the classroom to greet them when they come in. We appreciate your support with this.

Uniform

The children all look very smart in their uniforms this week. A reminder that our uniform policy can be seen on our school website. In addition, please ensure that all children have a water bottle, PE kit and weather appropriate outdoor clothes (hat, coat etc). Can all PE kits please be in school by Monday.

Please note that children SHOULD NOT bring pencil cases into school. All stationary will be provided in the classrooms.

From this term, children will also need wellington boots or outdoor shoes in school so that they can access the field in all weathers to use our OPAL provision. **Please ensure that all uniform and children's items are clearly labelled.**

A reminder that school uniform should include:

Nursery School Uniform • A white polo shirt • Dark green knitted jumper or cardigan • Dark green blazer (optional) • Black school shoes (flat heeled and sensible) Boys should wear charcoal grey shorts or charcoal grey, straight leg, formal trousers with plain dark socks. Girls should wear a dark green skirt or pinafore dress with bottle green tights, white socks or green knee length socks OR charcoal grey, straight leg, formal trousers with plain dark socks.

Girls' School Uniform • White blouse • Green and gold tie • Dark green knitted jumper or cardigan • Dark green skirt or pinafore dress OR charcoal grey, straight leg, formal trousers • Dark green blazer (optional) • Green gingham dress for summer • Black school shoes (flat heeled and sensible) • White or green socks (plain dark socks with trouser option) • Bottle green tights for winter.

Boys' School Uniform • White shirt • Green and gold tie • Dark green knitted jumper • Grey shorts or charcoal grey, straight leg, formal trousers • Dark green blazer (optional) • Black school shoes • Plain dark socks.

PE Kits • Emerald Green shorts • White polo shirt • Plimsolls for indoor sports • Trainers for outdoor sports • Unbranded, dark grey jogging bottoms with a dark grey unbranded jumper for outdoor sports • Drawstring PE bag.

Please note that school shoes should all be appropriate, flat black school shoes. No trainers should be worn as part of the school uniform.

Class Dojo

We are very excited that we have now started using class dojo in school as a way to track how our children are following our learners' code and demonstrating our school virtues.

All parents should have received a link to Dojo so that they can see how well their child is doing and how many Dojos they have achieved.

We will be continuing to use our band system in school. This is now linked to how many dojos children achieve so that the children can see how many dojos they need to achieve the next band.

We will not be using Dojo as a communication tool as we will be continuing to use our Facebook page for sharing class news.

So far this year our classes have achieved:

Nursery- 245

Reception- 382

Year 1- 381

Year 2 - 468

Year 3 - 364

Year 4 - 299

Year 5- 262

Year 6- 451

WELL DONE TO YEAR 2 WHO HAVE THE MOST DOJOS SO FAR THIS TERM

Breakfast Club

We are delighted to offer our breakfast club to all children for £2. If you would like your child to attend, please book them in on Arbor. The breakfast club will run from 7:30am.

OPAL- Outdoor play and learning



This year, we are starting a programme called OPAL to improve opportunities or physical activity, socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment through improved play.

In order for OPAL to be the best that it can be, we are asking for the support of our parish, families and local community. Parents have been sent a BINGO board; please look at the items that we will need in school for our OPAL provision. If you are able to donate any of these items, or know of a local business that could, please bring these into school. If you have something not on the list that you think we might find useful, please contact the school office.

Opal Bingo Challenge!

As a class, gather an item from each section of the bingo board and your class will receive 15 minutes of extra playtime.
The class who collects the most will receive 30 minutes extra playtime!

Construction Plastic crates Trays Bread trays Cardboard boxes Plastic tubing e.g. clean pipes/guttering Tarpaulins	Creative Arts Chalks Pens Paper/card Paintbrushes Industrial size clingfilm Ribbon Bubble machine	Wheels Suitcases Prams Bread trays on wheels Scooters Skateboards
Messy Kitchen Pots Pans Utensils Bowls Plastic crockery Plastic or real small appliances (kettle microwave)	Small World Area Animals Dolls Teddy bears Vehicles Fake flowers Fake fruit Soft toys	Role Play Shops – till, food Fabric (duvets, sheets) Dressing up clothes Hats Handbags Normal clothes Accessories

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is 95.42%

Reception- 94.4%

Year One - 94%

Year Two - 94.2%

Year Three- 98.1%

Year Four- 98%

Year Five- 97%

Year Six- 92.1%

Well done to year 3 who won our attendance award this week!

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = **4 weeks missed per year**

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = **more than half a term missed per year.**

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = **more than a quarter of the school year missed.**

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to **missing a whole 2 years from school.**

Children's Achievements



Well done to Hugo in year 5 who has achieved 15m and 20m rainbow distance badges in swimming in last 2 weeks.

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.

Donations

We are always looking for additional resources to supplement the provision we have at St Joseph's. If you have any of the following at home that you could donate, please bring them to the school office.

People - domestic, military, fantasy, mythological

Buildings - houses, schools, churches, castles

Animals - tame, wild, zoo, prehistoric, marine

Vehicles - land, air, water, space, war machines

Vegetation - trees, shrubs, plants, flowers

Structures - bridges, fences, gates, walls

Natural objects - shells, stones, driftwood

Symbolic objects - wishing wells, treasure chests, trophies, jewels, goblets

Thank you for your continued support.

SMILERS

SMILERS is a whole school approach to wellbeing. It is a way of helping children to understand that they can make choices to help them feel better mentally and help them to stay emotionally strong and well.

Mrs Webster has been working hard with our Mental Health Ambassadors to role this out in school. They have received training from Derbyshire County Council and led the whole school in an assembly. A newsletter explaining this further has been sent to parents.

Our Mental Health Ambassadors will be continuing to introduce this across school this term.

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

Next week our word of the week is, 'Peace'. Year 5 have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect on the importance of peace to celebrate International day of peace 21st September.