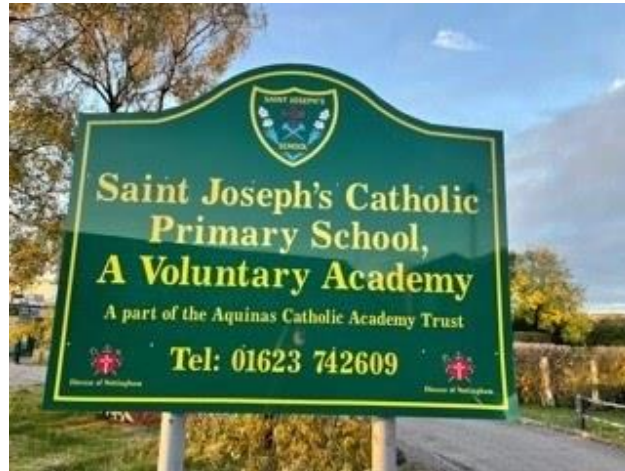


# Friday 22nd September

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

## NEWSLETTER



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## Head Pupils

Last year, our year 5 pupils applied for the position of Head Pupils. We successfully appointed our new Head Pupils and we are confident that they will have a significant impact on our school community. From next weeks newsletter, they will be sharing what they are doing in school and some of the plans that they have for the year ahead.



## Catholic Life and Mission

This week we enjoyed a beautiful liturgical prayer led by year 6. They asked us all to live out a mission to think of ways we can live as agents of peace.

## Coffee Afternoon



Next Friday, 29th September, Friends of St Joseph have arranged a Coffee Afternoon in school. All parents are welcome at 2:30pm to join us for a coffee and cake with their child in the school hall. As always, any donations of cakes are gratefully received.

## Outdoor Shoes and Boots



Although we will not be launching our OPAL provision until after half term, we are looking at our current play provision in preparation for this.

It is our aim that all children can access outdoor play throughout the year and therefore we need to ensure that all children are dressed appropriately for the weather. In order to access the school field, **all children will need wellingtons or suitable outdoor boots in school**. These must be left in school so that all children can change their shoes and access the field, if they wish, at lunchtime. Please ensure these are clearly labelled. If children do not have suitable footwear, they will not be allowed to use the field in bad weather.

In addition, children will be accessing the outdoors as much as possible, which may include in light rain. Therefore, all children will need a waterproof coat in school each day.

If you have any coats or boots that are no longer used at home and would like to donate these to our 'Welly Library', please bring them to the school office.

## 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.

Each Dojo earned by a child, adds to the total for their House. This week the children have done a really good job earning Dojos.

St Joseph's House- 716

St Philip's House- 568

St Teresa's House- 488

St Bernadette's House- 455

**WELL DONE TO ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE 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!

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

## Attendance

**Whole School Attendance this week is 94.8%**

Reception- 94.1%

Year One - 87.7%

Year Two - 93.9%

Year Three- 96.6%

Year Four- 98.7%

Year Five- 98.5%

Year Six- 91.5%

Well done to year 4 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 Daria in year 4 who has achieved her 50m swimming award.

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.

## Reading Cafe



We are delighted that we are hosting our weekly reading cafe again this year. This is a fantastic opportunity to share a book with your child, learn more about how we teach reading at St Joseph's and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

This term the reading cafe dates are:

Friday 29th September - year 5

Friday 6th October- year 4

Friday 13th October - year 3

Friday 20th October- year 2

Friday 10th November - year 1

Friday 24th November - year 6

## 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, Care'. Year 4 have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect on how we care for others and our common home.

## Parish News

To celebrate the Season of Creation, there will be a family picnic this Sunday, 24th September, from 2:30-4:40. This will be an exciting event with stalls, games and a picnic. This will be hosted on **The School field: St Phillip Neri with St Bede Primary School**

**Rosemary Street, Mansfield, NG18 6AA.** Please find the poster attached to the newsletter.