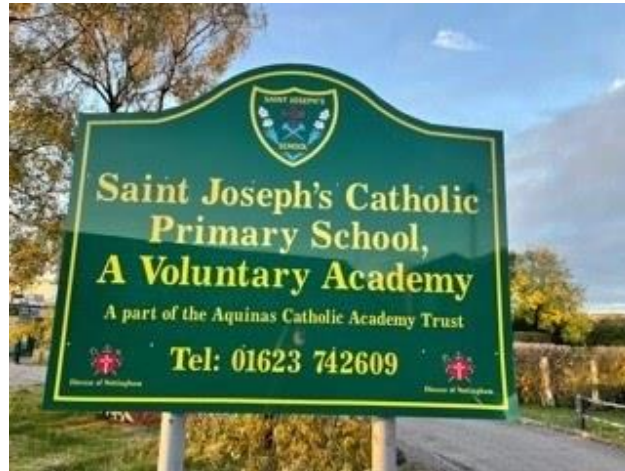


Friday 8th September

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome all our children and families this week. We hope that you enjoyed a lovely summer (despite the weather) and we are very excited to begin our new school year.

The children have all returned eager to learn and their enthusiasm has been infectious. We are looking forward to another successful and exciting year at St Joseph's.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.

A reminder that the school telephone number is 01623 742609 and that all emails should be sent to info@st-josephs-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk¹

Catholic Life and Mission

The Catholic Life and Mission of our school is woven into all that we do as we continually aim to live out our mission statement:

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping today.

All classes are currently thinking about how they can help today so that they can make a better tomorrow through their class charity work. The children will have the opportunity to research and vote on a class charity for their class to support.

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.

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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.

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 of 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!

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #008000;">Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic crates Trays Bread trays Cardboard boxes Plastic tubing e.g. clean pipes/guttering Tarpaulins 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #FF00FF;">Creative Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chalks Pens Paper/card Paintbrushes Industrial size clingfilm Ribbon Bubble machine 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #FF0000;">Wheels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitcases Prams Bread trays on wheels Scooters Skateboards
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #FFA500;">Messy Kitchen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pots Pans Utensils Bowls Plastic crockery Plastic or real small appliances (kettle microwave) 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #0000FF;">Small World Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals Dolls Teddy bears Vehicles Fake flowers Fake fruit Soft toys 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #0000FF;">Role Play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops – till, food Fabric (duvets, sheets) Dressing up clothes Hats Handbags Normal clothes Accessories

Attendance

We will be continuing to closely monitor attendance this year. It is vital that all children are in school as much as possible so that they can access the full curriculum.

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.**

Being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

It really is vital to make every minute count and ensure that children are in school as much as possible.

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.

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, 'Democracy'. Year 6 have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect on the importance of democracy and how we can live this out in our daily lives.