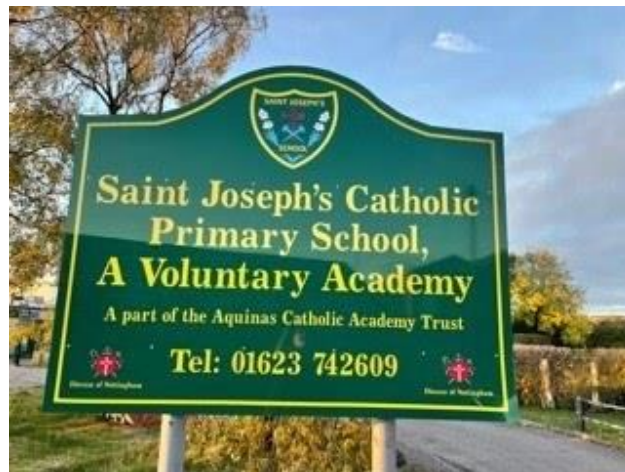


Friday 17th November

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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This week...

This week has been a great week at St Joseph's. We all enjoyed a wonderful celebration on Monday for Diwali and reflected on how we can all shine our light in the darkness. The children were very busy making food, completing art work and even dancing. It was great to see all of the children dressed in bright clothing for the celebration.

Year 2 represented the school at a multi skills sports festival at Shirebrook Leisure Centre on Tuesday. We were all very proud of how the children joined in with the event and demonstrated our virtues outside of school. Well done year 2.

Year 2, 4 and 6 produced a lovely Come and See Assembly. It was great to see how confidently and articulately they shared their learning with the parents. Well done children.

Finally, we had our final parents evening in school for this term. It was great to see so many parents join us for these events. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative appointment.

Head Pupils



This week, our Head Pupils met with the CEO of Our Lady of Lourdes Trust to tell him all about the great work they have been doing in school. The children were very articulate and we were exceptionally proud of them all. In addition, they have been working incredibly hard preparing for our launch on 20th November. A video link to explain more will be sent to parents next week.



Catholic Life and Mission

This week EYFS went over to church to enjoy some singing and to role play a baptism. The children did a fantastic job!

Parents are invited to join year 3 in church on Tuesday 21st November to celebrate Mass at 9am.

This week, as a whole school, we were able to support Children in Need. Thanks to the support of our families we raised £157.16 for the charity.

What have we been up to at St Joseph's?

Wow! What another busy week for our classes! As well as taking part in the whole school themed days, come and see assemblies and activities, our classes have been working really hard in lessons.

Nursery and Reception have been reading the story, 'Lost and Found'. They have been thinking about kindness and how we can be a good friend to others.

Year one went to forest schools this week and have been thinking about fact families in maths.

Year two made chapatis and have been working really hard in RE learning about the sign and symbols in baptism.

Year three went to Shirebrook library and have been writing their very own newspaper report.

Year four have been learning about prepositions and adverbials of duration this week.

Year five led the whole school in prayer this week and have been learning about their hopes for the future in RSHE.

Year six have been learning about semi colons and ordination in RE.

Breakfast Club



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

OPAL- Outdoor play and learning



Our OPAL launch has been amazing and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged at lunchtime. The children all speak highly of the provision and it has been great to get such positive feedback from our parents. A reminder that we are still looking for any toy, book or loose part donations.

Next week we will be opening our mud kitchen on the field!

Please ensure that all children have appropriate outdoor clothing, coats and shoes (if they wish to access the field).

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is 96%

Reception- 92.8%

Year One - 95.8%

Year Two - 98.1%

Year Three- 92.2%

Year Four- 98.6%

Year Five- 99.7%

Year Six- 97.6%

Well done to year 5 who won our attendance award this week! They will enjoy Milkshake Monday next 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 achieved his stage 4 at swimming and is going to be moving to stage 5!

Excellent work to Ivy in year 2 for passing her tap and ballet exams with a distinction this week.

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.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will soon be upon us on 1st December. Our amazing PTA, Friends of St Joseph, are looking for donations for the Christmas Raffle. If you have any soft toys or have any business links that may like to donate a prize, please contact the school office.

The classes will be making our amazing Christmas hampers again this year. Please send donations of coloured items to your class teacher who will place these in the hamper.

EYFS- red

Year 1- orange

Year 2- silver and gold

Year 3 - white

Year 4- purple

Year 5- pink

Year 6 - blue

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. Due to such a busy term of events, next week will be the last Reading Cafe this term. We will be starting these again after Christmas.

This term the reading cafe dates are:

Friday 24th November - year 6

SMILERS



SMILERS is a whole school approach to wellbeing.

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

We will use the SMILERS formula to help us develop healthy habits for life and to look after our own wellbeing.

This month's focus is: **M.....for Move**

The Wellbeing Champions have set us all a challenge of trying to move for one hour a day.

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, 'Children', year 4 have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect on how we are all children of God as we launch as a Rights Respecting School next week.