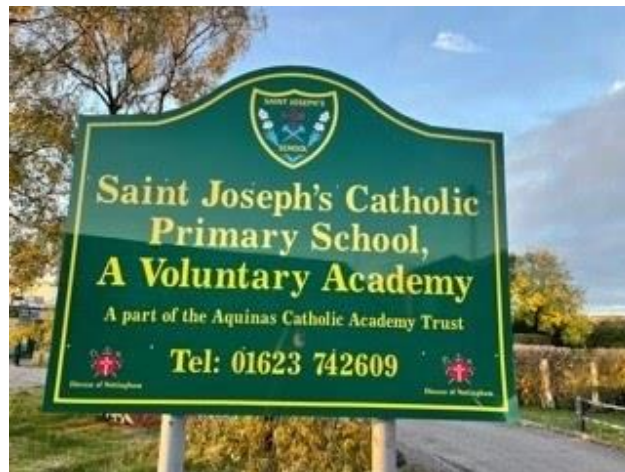


Friday 24th November

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 really busy week at St Joseph's. We have all been learning about Judaism in our other faiths week. It has been great to see the children taking part in such creative activities.

The football team represented the school on Monday, they did a great job and showed fantastic sportsmanship.

Year 1 went to Forest Schools this week and had great fun together.

Year 6 walked to Shirebrook Library and spent time there reading.

Year 3 led us beautifully in Mass as we joined Sr Susan and Sr Mary in celebrating the Feast Day of the Presentation Sisters.

Finally, year 6 children welcomed their parents to their Reading Cafe this week. This is the final reading cafe this term and we are looking forward to welcoming more families after Christmas.

Head Pupils



This week, our Head Pupils have launched the Rights Respecting Schools initiative across school. They led the whole school in an assembly on Monday and have got a wonderful video they have produced on our website to explain more. Well done children!



Catholic Life and Mission

This week, year 3 prepared a beautiful Mass on the theme of children.

Parents are invited to join year 5 in church on Tuesday 28th November to celebrate Mass at 9am.

This week, as a whole school, we have been thinking about how we can care for others and show our virtues in our actions and words.

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

Wow! What another busy week for our classes! As well as learning about Judaism in our multi faith week, our classes have been working really hard in lessons.

Nursery and Reception have been learning about the Rainbow Fish. They have been busy mixing colours and thinking about what makes a good friend.

Year one have been learning about subtraction in maths. In geography they have been learning about human and physical features.

Year two have been busy writing their own Jack and the Beanstalk newspaper report.

Year three have been learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in their history unit.

Year four have been learning about the features of a newspaper article in English and have been learning about the Indus Valley in history.

Year five have been learning prime factors in maths and about the Ancient Egyptians in history.

Year six have been learning about division in maths and have been continuing our work on the Industrial Revolution.

Lost Property

In school, we are seeing an increasing number of lost property items. Could all parents please ensure that all items (including coats, trainers and wellington boots) are clearly labelled. In addition, we ask that everyone checks at home that they do not have any items that belong to other children. We will be having an amnesty in school so if you find anything that belongs to another child or to school, please drop these at the school office. Thank you so much for your support with this.

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.

Bring a Bottle

Next Tuesday, 28th November, all children are invited to come in non uniform in exchange for a bottle for our Christmas Fayre. This can be any new, unopened bottles for the bottle stall. Thank you for your support.

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.

This week we are looking for kitchen utensils, pots, pans and other kitchen items

Next week we will be opening our sandpit on the playground.

Please ensure that all children have appropriate outdoor clothing, coats and shoes.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.23%

Reception- 90.3%

Year One - 95.3%

Year Two - 97.4%

Year Three- 93.8%

Year Four- 98.6%

Year Five- 96.1%

Year Six- 93.6%

Well done to year 4 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 James in year 2 who has moved onto Stage 2 in his swimming classes.

Amazing job Zion in year 6 who has achieved his brown belt in Karate

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. Also if you are available to help out at the fayre please let the school office know, any help will be appreciated.

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.

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 **M**ove

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, 'Respect', year 3 have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect on how we can all show our virtue of respect.