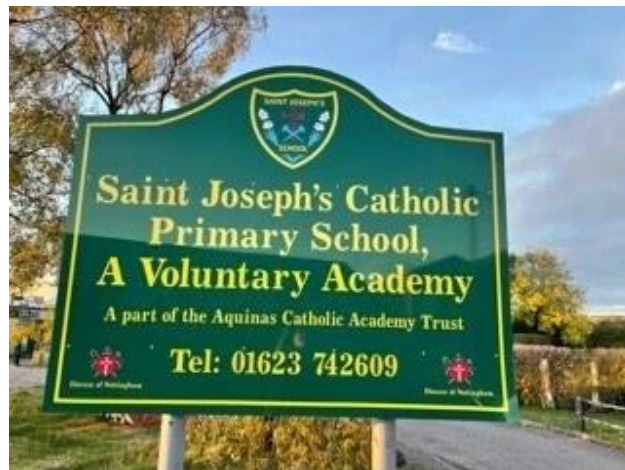


Friday 15th December

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 another successful and busy week at St Joseph's. We have all been busy taking part in lots of activities that are helping us to prepare during this special season of Advent.

Year 6 led a wonderful Mass in Church on Tuesday.

Year 1 and 2 presented their beautiful nativity to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

Reception and nursery class went on a local walk to the fire station.

Reception had a special visitor from the police to teach them about how they look after people.

All the classes have been writing Christmas cards to send in the post.

Head Pupils



This week, our Head Pupils have been busy around school making sure that they are being fantastic role models for the other children. They have been meeting and greeting and reminding all the children of our behaviour curriculum. In addition, they have helped Reception class to film their word of the week video. Well done children!



Catholic Life and Mission

This week, year 6 prepared a beautiful Mass on the theme of faith.

All the classes have been writing Christmas cards to loved ones to remind them of the joy of Christmas.

This week, as a whole school, we have been thinking about how we can contribute to the decorations in church and each class have decorated a window.

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

Wow! What another busy week for our classes! The classes have all been busy preparing for the nativities and carol service. As well as all this busy preparation, in classes:

Nursery and Reception have been learning about their community and they have been drawing their own maps.

Year one have been working really hard on their reading and phonics this week

Year two have been learning about when Shirebrook Colliery opened and the impact this had on the local community.

Year three have been learning about Stone Age houses.

Year four have been learning about how we prepare in Advent and have written some fantastic newspaper reports.

Year five have been learning about Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs and the power that they had to rule Egypt.

Year six have been learning about BODMAS.

Thank you!

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We would like to say a HUGE thank you to our PTA, Friends of St Joseph, who have funded lots of our wonderful Christmas activities this term and have allowed all of our children to enjoy these wonderful opportunities.

The pantomime, Sleeping Beauty, that came into school this term.

The year 5 and 6 cinema trip.

Our special visitor, Santa, who was able to give every child a goodie bag.

Thank you to our parents who have supported the events arranged by our PTA and have enabled these things to happen.

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.

Key Stage Two Carol Service



Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing their Carol Service in church on Friday 22nd December at 2pm. The children have been working exceptionally hard on preparing our final performance before we break up for the Christmas holidays. All parents are welcome to join us in church for the Carol Service.

Year 5 and 6 Cinema Trip

On Monday 18th December, years 5 and 6 will be going on the train to the cinema. All children will need suitable outdoor clothing, a packed lunch and will need to be in school before 8:45am. All children in years 5 and 6 have received a letter with further information.

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 adults clothes, bags and accessories.

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

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is 92.8%

Reception- 88.1%

Year One - 92.7%

Year Two - 98.4%

Year Three- 89.1%

Year Four- 96.6%

Year Five- 94.8%

Year Six- 94.5%

Well done to year 2 who won our attendance award this week! They will enjoy Milkshake Monday next week!

On Thursday 21st December, we will be having an attendance award day. All those with 97% attendance and above will be invited to come to school in non uniform. In addition, those with 100% attendance will get an extra prize!

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 our gymnasts in school who attended a competition last weekend. Jess in year three got a 1st place, Ciara in year 5 got a 2nd place, Charlotte K in year 5 got a 1st place and Ivie in year two got a 2nd place. Well done girls!

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.

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 **I INTEREST**. Please find the attached newsletter to find out more information.

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, 'Joy', Reception Class have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday this weekend.