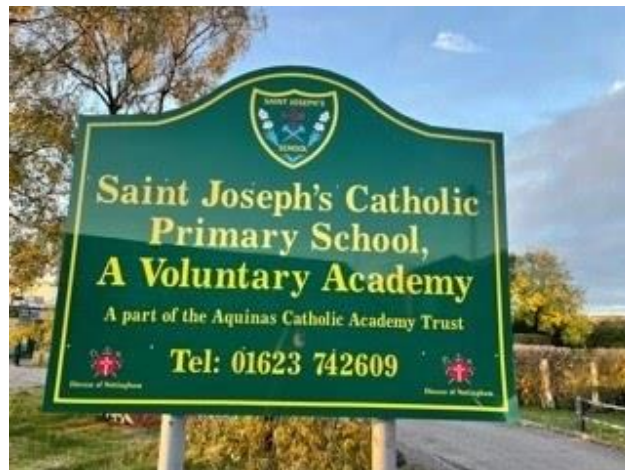


# Friday 1st December

## 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 all really enjoyed the Christmas Fayre and our special visit from Santa Claus.

Year 5 led a beautiful Mass in Church on Tuesday.

Year 4 worked with our Lay Chaplain, Luke, to play their Liturgy of the Word ready for next week.

Year 6 received play leader training to help them develop their leadership skills.

Miss Queenan took a group of children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Nottingham Synagogue

## Head Pupils



This week, our Head Pupils received the fantastic news that we have been awarded the Bronze Award on our Rights Respecting Schools Journey. This shows how hard they have been working on this.

In addition, our Head Pupils met with our Director of Performance and Standards, Tracy Lane, from Our Lady of Lourdes Trust. The children spoke very articulately and represented the school perfectly! Well done children.



## Catholic Life and Mission

This week, year 5 prepared a beautiful Mass on the theme of respect.

**Parents are invited to join year 4 in church on Tuesday 5th December for their celebration of the Liturgy of the Word at 9am.**

This week, as a whole school, we have been thinking about how we meet and greet everyone we meet to show them respect and that we love them.

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

Wow! What another busy week for our classes! As well as having a no pens day on Thursday, when we thought about how we can learn without writing, we have also been completing tests as an end of term assessment. In addition, in classes:

Nursery and Reception have been drawing their friends and thinking about kindness.

Year one have been learning about seasonal clothing and writing about Little Red Riding Hood in a newspaper.

Year two have been learning about houses in the past.

Year three have been learning comparing different types of rocks in science.

Year four have been learning about gifts in their new RE topic.

Year five have been learning about day and night and how seasons are determined by the movement of the earth.

Year six have been learning about land use before and after the Industrial Revolution.

## 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.

## EYFS Christmas Concert

Nursery and Reception, are going to be performing in their Christmas Concert next week. On Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th December, all parents are invited to come and watch the children sing Christmas songs. All children in reception and nursery are invited to come dressed in Christmas jumpers or clothes on these two days.

## Road Safety Day

On Wednesday 6th December, we will be welcoming a leader from Derbyshire County Council into school to teach the children about road safety. All children will be invited to workshops to learn more about how they can keep themselves and others safe.

## 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.**

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

## Attendance

**Whole School Attendance this week is 94.1%**

Reception- 86.6%

Year One - 97.7%

Year Two - 96.8%

Year Three- 95.9%

Year Four- 97.9%

Year Five- 96.1%

Year Six- 93.3%

**Well done to year 4 who won our attendance award this week! They will enjoy Milkshake Monday again 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 Joseph in year 6 who received a Blue Peter Badge this week. What an excellent achievement!

Well done to Ivie and Ivy in year 2 who have moved up to stage 4 this week in swimming.

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 will be introduced by the mental health ambassadors next week.

## 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, 'Hope', year 2 have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect as we enter the Season of Advent.