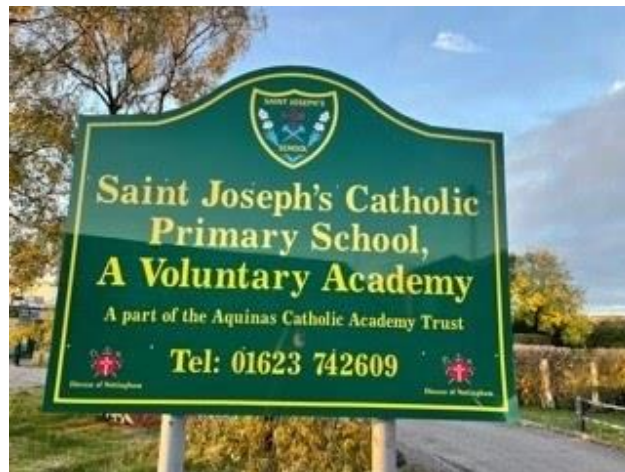


Friday 8th December

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 4 led a wonderful Liturgy of the Word in Church on Tuesday.

Year 6 worked with our Lay Chaplain, Luke, to play their Mass for next week.

Reception, year 1, 2, 3 and 4 all watched the pantomime.

Nursery and Reception sang beautifully in two Christmas Concerts.

Year 3 went on their trip to Creswell Crags.

We had a road safety day led by Derbyshire County Council.

We had a school disco and an awards assembly! What a busy week!

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. Well done children!



Catholic Life and Mission

This week, year 4 prepared a beautiful Liturgy of the Word on the theme of hope

Foxx in year 3 raised a fantastic £94.75 for King's Mill Children's Ward by making and selling bracelets. We are so proud of you Foxx and how you are showing love and charity to others. Good boy!!

Parents are invited to join year 6 in church on Tuesday 12th December for their celebration of Mass at 9am.

This week, as a whole school, we have been thinking about how we can care for our common home and look after our school environment.

Next week, on Wednesday 13th December, there will be an opportunity for children to go to confession in church.

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 singing concerts, nativities and carol services. As well as all this busy preparation, in classes:

Nursery and Reception have been busy creating Christmas crafts.

Year one have been learning the weather in the UK.

Year two have been writing their final newspaper reports.

Year three have been learning more about the Stone Age.

Year four have been practicing graduated washes in art. They have been trying to paint in the style of Georgia O' Keefe.

Year five have been learning about the pyramids and the process of mummification.

Year six have been writing their own autobiography.

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 One Nativity

Year One and Two will be performing their Nativity next week. The children have been working exceptionally hard on preparing this performance to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas. Two tickets per performance are available for each family. If you do not already have your tickets, please contact the school office.

Tuesday 12th December at 2pm

Thursday 14th December at 2pm

Road Safety Day

This Wednesday, we all learned more about how we can stay safe on the roads. As part of this, the children looked at safe parking. Despite several reminders, some parents still continue to park unsafely. This makes it unsafe for the children coming into and leaving school. We ask that all parents please carefully consider where they park. We appreciate people are in a rush and the weather is cold but we would hate a child to be injured as a result of a parent's poor parking.

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 95.5%

Reception- 85.9%

Year One - 93%

Year Two - 95.5%

Year Three- 96.3%

Year Four- 99.3%

Year Five- 96%1.5

Year Six- 95.5%

Well done to year 4 who won our attendance award this week! They will enjoy Milkshake Monday AGAIN 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 Foxx in year 3 who has been busy thinking of ways to raise money for those in need.

Jessica in year 3 was successful in her audition at musical theatre for a part in a cabaret show in Barnsley in the spring, congratulations Jessica!

Well done to Charlotte and Ciara in year 5 who competed at their regional Irish Dance Competition and came first with their group dance. They have now qualified to dance at the World Championships in Glasgow in March next year!! Amazing achievement.

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, 'Faith', year 1 have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect as we enter the Season of Advent.