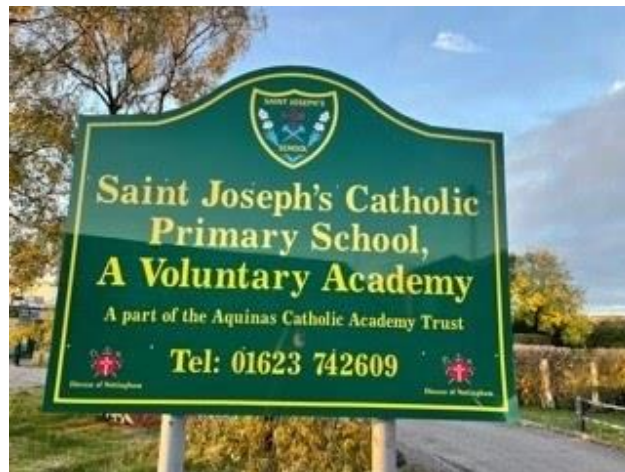


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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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NEWSLETTER



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This week at St Joseph's...

It has been another busy and successful week at St Joseph's! Lots of our classes have been launching their new topics. It has been great to see them taking part in such exciting activities to hook them in their new topics. We have also had the gym in school this week. The children have loved using the gym equipment in the hall. Well done children!

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have met with the pupil voice leads this week and have been finding out all the exciting things that they have been up to.



Catholic Life and Mission

Year 6 led a Liturgy of the Word in church this week, well done children. Our pupil voice groups have been thinking about how they support the Catholic Life and Mission of the School. It has been great to see all of the children reflect on how they have been disciples and care for our common home.

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

Nursery and Reception- The children have been thinking about how they can dress for the weather and how they can look after themselves.

Year One- The children have been learning about 3D shapes in maths, primary colours in art and have been busy writing their own stories.

Year Two- The children have been redesigning their own lighthouse models in Design Technology.

Year Three- The children had a great day launching their new topic. They have been looking at Greek gods and even made Greek soup!

Year Four- The children have been writing their own stories based on the text, The Land of Roar and in Design Technology they have been busy sewing.

Year Five- The children had a great day in their launch day for their new Tudors topic and have been learning about why planets have craters.

Year Six- The children had a wonderful day launching their new World War II topic as an evacuee.

Reminders

Now that we are back into the swing of the new term, we would like to remind parents of a few things:

All children need to have a refillable water bottle in school.

All children need to have a pair of outdoor shoes or wellingtons if they would like to access the field during OPAL.

All children need to have a full PE kit in school at all times. This needs to be in line with the uniform policy and include both indoor and outdoor shoes.

Children can bring in a healthy snack to enjoy at breaktimes. This should be a piece of fruit or vegetable. Please make sure that grapes are cut in half lengthwise, from the stem side to the bottom.

Parking



We have noticed an increasing amount of parents parking in the school carpark, bus bay or on the grass between school and church. Although we do understand that people are in a rush at pick up and drop off times, we urge all of our parents to please park safely and considerately.

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.

Baby and Toddler Groups

We are delighted to announce that we will be restarting our under 2s group in the school hall from Thursday 22nd February. Mrs Dexter, our Early Years Leader, will be hosting a place to chat with other parents , play and sing with your baby and have a hot drink. These classes will run each Thursday from 9:30- 10:30am in the school hall. Everyone is welcome!

In addition, we will be hosting Parent and Toddler forest school sessions for over 2s. These will run on:

Thursday 8th February 2:15-3:15pm

Thursday 14th March 2:15-3:15pm

Thursday 25th April 2:15-3:15pm

Thursday 6th June 2:15-3:15pm

Thursday 27th June 2:15-3:15pm

Thursday 18th July 2:15-3:15pm

If anyone has any donations of baby toys or equipment, we would really appreciate 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.

Next Friday, we are having a non uniform day in exchange for a loose part. Letters have been sent out this week with further information.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 94.7%

Reception- 94.7%

Year One - 96.7%

Year Two - 99%

Year Three- 92.2%

Year Four- 96.6%

Year Five- 92.7%

Year Six- 95.2%

Well done to year 2 who have won our attendance award this week and have won 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 Rory in Reception class who has passed his first swimming class this week after swimming 5m on his front and back.

Excellent achievement Charlotte K in year 5 who passed stage 7 swimming 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.

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 **L LOOK**

The Wellbeing Champions led a fantastic assembly introducing this to the children. There is more information attached to the newsletter to find out more!

Reading Cafe



Today we welcomed our Reception class parents to the reading cafe and it was wonderful to see so many parents able to attend and read with the children.

This term we will be continuing our weekly reading cafes on the following dates:

Year One - Friday 26th January

Year Two- Friday 2nd February

Year Four - Friday 1st March

Year Three- Friday 8th March

Year Six- Friday 15th March

We will then continue these after the Easter holidays.

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, 'Belief', Year 4 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on the people who inspire us and how we can inspire others.