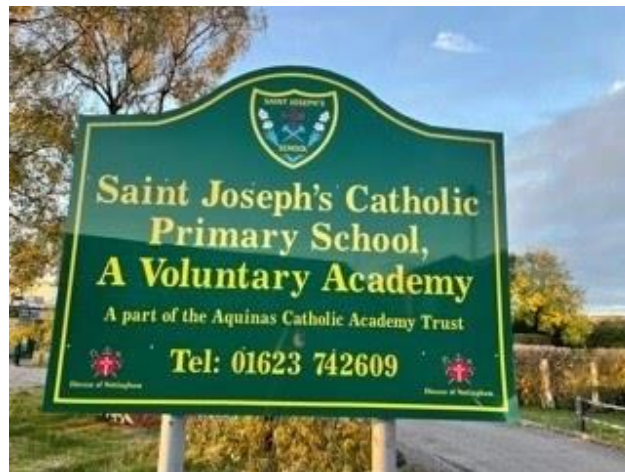


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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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This week at St Joseph's...

It has been another busy week! In school we have had a very active week with our karate classes, balance ability and Opal play day. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their activities and embracing these new adventures.

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have met with Mrs Seaman to look at their action plan and what they want to develop further in school. They are going to be arranging a fundraising day soon and are starting a lunchtime drop in club. They have also met with all the classes to speak about Rights Respecting Schools and how the classes can make their own class charters.



Catholic Life and Mission

Year 2 led a beautiful Mass in church this week, well done children. Our pupils have been busy litter picking across school today thinking about how we can care for our common home.

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

Nursery and Reception- The children have been learning about the four seasons and how we can look after ourselves during these seasons.

Year One- The children have been learning about numbers to 20 in maths and have been writing their own adventure story.

Year Two- The children have made their lighthouses this week, have been learning about world oceans and have been learning about the Wedding at Cana in their RE lessons.

Year Three- The children have been learning about multiplication using groups.

Year Four- The children have been learning about multiplication in maths and have been thinking about their community in RE.

Year Five- The children have been using maps to find the location of the River Thames and the land use around it.

Year Six- The children have been learning how to add and subtract fractions.

Wow! What a busy week; well done children!

Friends of St Joseph

Hello there! This will be our section of the newsletter and we are going to use it to tell you about upcoming events, the team and what we are all about!

Firstly thank you to those who attended movie night this week, I hear the children really enjoyed it!

The funds raised will go towards the outdoor class room that we are funding for the school and we hope that all the children will enjoy and benefit from this wonderful new space.

Who are friends of St Joseph's?

We are a registered charity run by parents to put on fun events for the children of St Joseph's.

The funds raised are used for many things including resources for the school, trips for the children, discos, entertainment and the pantomime.

Coming next week: Introduction to the team members!

Next event: Gallery afternoon previewing the children's amazing work (school will be organising this and FOSJ will be present).

Friday 23rd February 2024 at 2.30-4pm.

Tea, coffee and sweet things available!

If you are available to help out in anyway to support your children and St Joseph's then please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Fearn or one of the team...new volunteers are always welcome!

Parent Voice

We value the relationship we have with our parents and have made developments in school based on previous parent voice surveys. There is another chance to have your say in our current survey which is now open until 5th February.

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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



Thank you to the incredible support of our families for our OPAL non uniform day. We have been absolutely overwhelmed with the amount of loose parts that have been donated and cannot wait to add them to our OPAL provision.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 93%

Reception- 95.8%

Year One - 81.3%

Year Two - 96.8%

Year Three- 94.4%

Year Four- 98.6%

Year Five- 95.8%

Year Six- 95.2%

Well done to year 4 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 Charlotte K and Ciara in year 5 who won lots of awards at an Irish Dancing competition last weekend. Charlotte won two 1st place, one 3rd and two 4th place dances. Ciara won 3rd, 5th, and 10th. An absolutely fantastic achievement. Well done girls!

Superb work from Archie C in year 4 who scored his first hattrick in football this week! Excellent work!

Daria in year 4 has achieved stage 5 in swimming this week. Well done!

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 year one 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 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, 'Bravery', Year 3 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on those who show bravery as we celebrate Rosa Parks day.