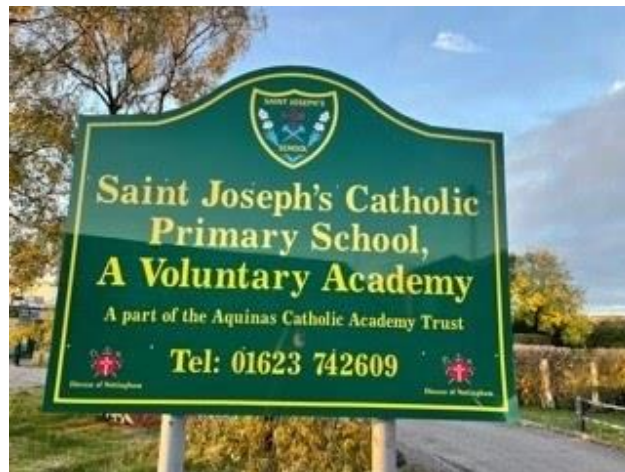


# Friday 1st March

## St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

### NEWSLETTER



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## Ofsted

This has been a very busy week at St Joseph's and we were happy to welcome Ofsted to see all of the fantastic things that we do at the school. The children were a real credit to the school and demonstrated the St Joseph's way in all interactions with the inspector. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support, encouragement and kind words we received from our families this week. We look forward to sharing the result with our parents when the report is published in the coming weeks.

## Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy thinking of ways we can raise money for those in need during the Season of Lent.



## Catholic Life and Mission

As part of our preparations during this season of Lent, we have been praying for others and thinking of ways that we can give our time to support others.

Our children preparing for the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be taking a part in an enrolment service this Saturday at 5pm Mass at St Joseph's.

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

Nursery - The children have been reading Kipper's Snowy Day in class and have been learning about ice, including solids and liquids.

Reception- The children have been learning about arctic animals and have been reading the story, Say hello to the snowy animals.

Year One- The children have been learning about the history of flight looking at kits, hot air balloons and aeroplanes.

Year Two- The children have been working really hard in maths on division using repeated subtraction.

Year Three- The children have been learning about multiplying 2 digit with 1 digit numbers.

Year Four- The children have been learning about Anglo Saxon houses and have started their swimming lessons.

Year Five- The children have been learning about Henry VIII and his six wives in their Tudor topic.

Year Six- The children have been converting fractions to decimals in maths.

Wow! What a busy week; well done children!

## Friends of St Joseph Coffee Afternoon



Friends of St Joseph have organised a Mothers' Day Coffee Afternoon on Friday 8th March at 2:30pm in the school hall. All are welcome to join us for a cake and a hot drink. Donations of cake are gratefully received in the school office.

It was lovely to see you at the Write to Excite event and I think we can all agree that the children's work was excellent!

We hope you enjoyed the coffee and cake served by our lovely members.

Our next member profile is Sarah Cartlidge, FoSJ secretary.

Children at St Joseph's: I have a child in Year 5, Max.

Day Job: Teaching assistant. I joined FoSJ when my youngest was in reception so nearly 6 years.

Reason: To make friends when we moved into the area, I also work at St. Joseph's now.

Next week's Member profile is Katja Fearn, Office Manager at St Joseph's.

Next Event: Free Mother's Raffle!

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!

## Easter Events



In the coming weeks, we will be having a number of events as we approach the Easter holidays. This is a very exciting time of the year in the St Joseph's calendar.

We will be holding our annual **Easter Egg Raffle on Wednesday 27th March** in school. We would be very grateful for any donations of Easter eggs to support us with the raffle. Tickets will go on sale in the coming weeks.

Our annual Easter competition this year will be a decorated egg competition. All children are invited to bring a decorated egg on **Wednesday 20th March**. You can decorate your eggs in any way that you choose so be as creative as you like. Each class will vote for their winner and they will receive a prize!

On **Thursday 28th March**, we will be hosting our Easter Presentation in the school hall.

## Breakfast Club



We are delighted to offer our breakfast club to all children from Reception to year 6 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. 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 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.**

## World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to spend a day thinking about the magic of books.



For the day, children can come dressed in whatever they feel comfortable in. This may be pjs, comfortable clothes, a costume, a onsie or their own clothes. Please make sure that they have suitable outdoor footwear and a coat.

In addition, the children are also invited to bring a book to swap with a friend. Please note that these swaps will be permanent so we invite children to bring a book they have finished reading.

## OPAL- Outdoor play and learning



Thank you to the incredible support so far this year with our OPAL provision. We have lots of fantastic equipment for our children to use. We are looking for any handy helpers who may be able to help us build some of our new storage and equipment. If you are able to offer your services, please contact the school office.

## Attendance

**Whole school attendance this week is 96%**

Reception- 94.1%

Year One - 94.7%

Year Two - 96.5%

Year Three- 96.9%

Year Four- 98.6%

Year Five- 97.3%

Year Six- 97%

**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



Last weekend was very busy for our gymnasts across school who competed in a gymnastics competition.

Ivie and Ivy in year 2, Erin and Natalia J in year 3 and Lucas in year 6 did exceptionally well and managed to win lots of medals and trophies. Excellent work children!

Well done to Weston in year 4 who achieved his 200m swimming award this week. Fantastic achievement!

Charlotte K in year 5 also passes stage 5 in ice skating! 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



It was wonderful to see so many year 4 parents at the Reading Cafe this morning. We will be continuing our weekly reading cafes on the following dates:

Year Three- Friday 8th March

Year Six- Friday 15th March

Year Five- 19th April

Nursery- 26th April

Reception- 3rd May

Year One- Friday 10th May

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, 'Fairness', Reception have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can be fair and make sure we treat everyone with respect.