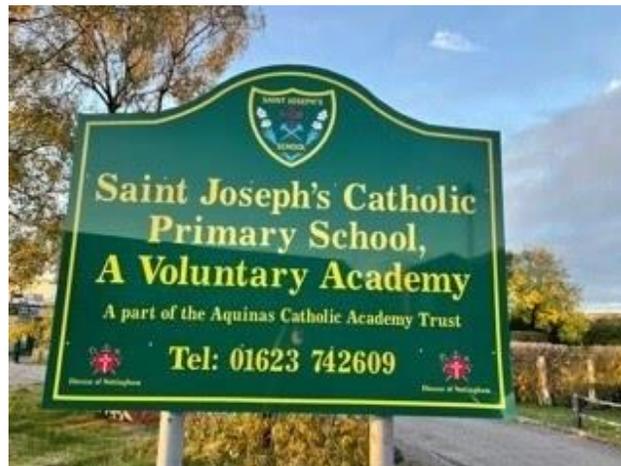


Friday 8th March

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 a busy and successful week at St Joseph's. On Thursday, across school we celebrated World Book Day with our comfortable read, book swap and reading activities.

The Fire Service visited year 2 and 6 to talk to them about different ways that they can stay safe at home and what to do in an emergency.

A group of children enjoyed a fantastic Forest School session this week.

Year 2 have visited the library and represented the school fantastically well and enjoyed sharing stories with their friends.

After a super busy week, we invited parents into school for Coffee Afternoon and had two parents' evenings.

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy monitoring the class charters around school. Each class have decided which rights they are going to focus on within their classroom and have made a class charter to show

that all of the children in the class pledge to respect these rights. We are adding pictures of all the class charters to our school Facebook page.



Catholic Life and Mission

Year 6 led a beautiful Liturgy of the Word in church this week.

Over half term, we began the Season of Lent. As we prepare ourselves during this Holy Season, there will be a number of events in school to support the children's spiritual development. As part of our preparations, our children will be thinking about Almsgiving and how they can 'Lent a Hand'. All children will have the opportunity to give up some of their time to help others.

This week, the children have all made extra Mothers' Day Cards and our Head Pupils delivered these to Richmond Care Home and to the Parish so that they can be given out this weekend.

On Tuesday 19th March, we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Joseph with a Mass in the church at 9am. All parents are welcome to join us for Mass.

Big Lent Walk



This week, all of the children in school have been taking part in the Big Lent Walk. Today, all children will come home with a sponsor form so that we can try and help those living in poverty across the world. We will be working as a school team and as part of the Our Lady of Lourdes team to walk through lent and raise as much money as possible for the charity, CAFOD. If you would like to sponsor your child, please complete the sponsor form or visit our JustGiving page

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-josephs-shirebrook>

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

Nursery - The children have been making Mothers' Day Cards and talking about what they see in winter.

Reception- The children have been taking part in lots of book themed activities this week.

Year One- The children have been learning about the last supper in RE.

Year Two- The children have been looking at artwork of the Last Supper and have finished their class text, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Year Three- The children have been busy planning their own non chronological report.

Year Four- The children have been planning a non chronological report on bearded dragons.

Year Five- The children have been learning about the Passover in RE.

Year Six- The children have been learning about WWII in their history lessons and percentages, decimals and fractions in their maths lessons.

Wow! What a busy week; well done children!

Easter Activities



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.

Friends of St Joseph

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 Workshops

As a result of the feedback on our parent voice survey, we have planned a number of parent workshops to take place throughout the remainder of this academic year.

Our next workshops in school are:

18th March at 4pm- Early Reading and Phonics

19th March at 4pm- Relationships, Sex, Health Education (RSHE)

26th March at 4pm- Online Safety

We will be sending letters home inviting parents to sign up to these workshops

Big Plastic Count



The Big Plastic Count is the UK's biggest household plastic waste investigation. Between 11th-17th March, thousands of people in the UK are coming together to count their plastic waste.

By getting your pupils to tally up the plastic they throw away at home, we can find out exactly how much plastic waste is leaving UK households. We'll then use the results to work out how much we're throwing away and identify what really happens to different types of packaging after it's disposed of.

Governments globally are working towards a Global Plastics Treaty and we're calling on our government to push for a strong and ambitious treaty. A treaty that addresses the whole life cycle of plastics: a phase-out of new plastic production, and a just and inclusive transition to a low-carbon, zero-waste, reuse based Economy.

With your help, The Big Plastic Count will build even more evidence about what really happens to our plastic waste, and push UK ministers, supermarkets and big brands to lead the way at the global talks that could finally phase out plastic production for good. The plastic waste crisis affects everyone, so we want to make sure children have their voices heard and can be part of the solution.

Today, each child will come home with a tally chart and more information on how they can consider their plastic use and how we can reduce this to care for our common home.

Breakfast Club



We are delighted to offer our breakfast club to all children from Reception class upwards 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 had a fantastic morning at our baby group this week! It was wonderful to greet parents and babies and have an opportunity to chat with other parents, play and sing with your baby and have a hot drink. These classes will continue to 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.

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.

We will be launching our playground mud kitchen next week. If anyone has any kitchen pots, pans, utensils or equipment that they would like to donate to school, please bring this to the school office.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 95.4%

Reception- 88.4%

Year One - 97.7%

Year Two - 97.4%

Year Three- 96.3%

Year Four- 97.9%

Year Five- 97.6%

Year Six- 97.6%

Well done to year 4 who have won our attendance award this week and have won Milkshake Monday next week. Well done children!

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 Wiktoria F in year 4 who reached the semifinals in latin dancing.

Great work Oliwier in year 2 who got Man of the match last Saturday.

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

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

Year Six- Friday 15th March

After Easter:

Year 5- 19th April

Nursery- 26th April

Reception- 3rd May

Year 1- 10th May

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, 'Almsgiving', Year 5 class have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can consider how we give things and time during this Season of Lent.