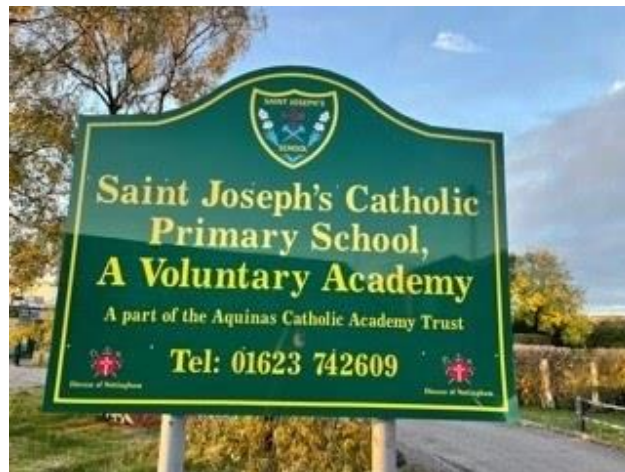


Friday 19th April

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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Happy Easter!

Happy Easter! We are delighted to be celebrating this joyful season of Eastertide in school. We hope that all of our families enjoyed a restful, Holy Easter. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school filled with energy and excitement for their learning.

OUTSTANDING!

Last term, we had a visit from Ofsted who conducted our first inspection since 2017. The children did a fantastic job of demonstrating all the wonderful things that happen at St Joseph's. As a school community, we are delighted to announce that we remain an OUTSTANDING school. The full report is attached to this newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for their unwavering support of the school and we look forward to continuing this partnership as we continue to develop our school together.

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy helping relaunch our behaviour curriculum across school. They are going to be working hard in the coming weeks with the pupil voice groups to ensure that they are

focussing on our Mission and how we demonstrate the Catholic Social Teaching principles in our life at school.



Catholic Life and Mission

This term we are going to be looking at the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how we can use these when making decisions and acting so that we are caring for our brothers and sisters around the world.

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

Nursery - The children have been learning how to make patterns in maths and have started their new topic, Discovering Dinosaurs.

Reception- The children have started their new dinosaur topic and have done some dinosaur pictures and wrote about their favourite dinosaurs.

Year One- The children have been counting to 50 and have been writing a non chronological report about the astronaut Mae Jennison.

Year Two- The children have started their adventure story unit based on 'Where the wild things are'.

Year Three- The children have been looking at the structure of a biography in English.

Year Four- The children have been using PowerPoint presentations to show their learning about the Anglo Saxons.

Year Five- The children have started their new decimals unit in maths and have started their new guided reading book, 'The Demon Headteacher'.

Year Six- The children have been learning about reflection in maths.

Wow! What another busy week; well done children!

Earth Day

On Monday 22nd, we will be celebrating Earth Day in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed in Earth colours or as their favourite thing about the earth. Throughout the day, the children will be learning about how they can care for our common home and our brothers and sisters around the world.

As the eco- team have planned this day, they are asking for a donation of £1 or any gardening equipment (including seeds, compost, pots, tools) in exchange for wearing their own clothes. These donations will be used to help our children care for and enhance our environment in school.

Clubs and Activities

We are really excited to be starting our new clubs and activities next week. Parents will be informed if their child has been offered a place in their chosen clubs this week. Please make all payments for clubs via Arbor. Limetrees after school provision will still be in place offering wraparound care until 6pm.

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

It has been great to see such a wonderful response to our parent workshops. These will continue after the Easter holidays.

Our next workshops in school are:

23rd April at 4pm- Early Maths

29th April at 4pm- Key Stage Two Maths

30th April at 4pm- Reading for pleasure

13th May at 4pm- Catholic Life and Mission

21st May at 4pm- Handwriting

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

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 Wednesday 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 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.

During this term, we will have some exciting new additions to our OPAL provision. A reminder that any donations are gratefully received at the school office.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 96.57%

Reception- 96.4%

Year One - 96.7%

Year Two - 99.5%

Year Three- 94.3%

Year Four- 98.3%

Year Five- 93.9%

Year Six- 95.5%

Well done to year 2 who have won our attendance award this week and have won Milkshake Monday next week. Well done children!

Attendance in school has dropped significantly this week. While we understand that illness does happen, we would like to remind parents of the importance of attending school each day.

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.**

Parents have all been sent home letters this week informing them of their child's attendance.

Children's Achievements



Well done to all of our dancers that took part in the Harlequin School of Dance show over the Easter holidays!

Well done to Dexter who started his boxing classes 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 **E Eat Well**

Reading Cafe

We are delighted to be continuing our weekly reading cafes on the following dates:

Nursery- 26th April

Reception- 3rd May

Year 1- 10th May

Year 2- 24th 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, 'St George', Year 1 class have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect as we celebrate St George's day.