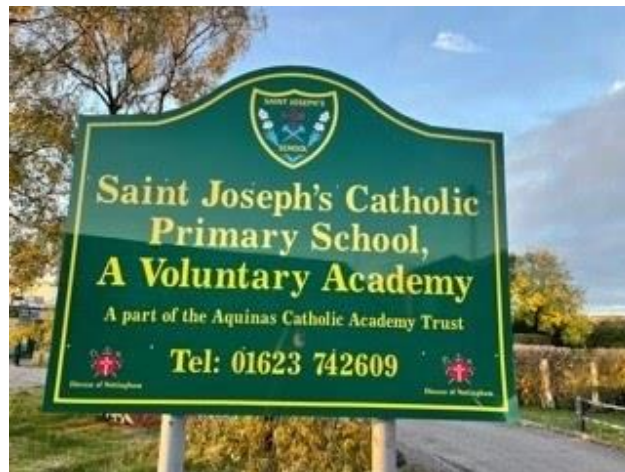


# Friday 12th July

## 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 a lovely week at St Joseph's despite the weather! Key Stage Two did an amazing job with the end of year production, we have enjoyed a wonderful retreat day and the children have all spent time in their new classrooms.

## Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have set year 5 a challenge to apply to be Head Pupils next year. They will be looking through these carefully to select which candidates get through to the next stage of selection.



## Catholic Life and Mission

Year 2 prepared a lovely Mass in church this week.

The whole school took part in a God's work of art retreat day this week. It was wonderful to see the children so reverent throughout the day as they reflected on how they are perfectly made by God and that they are His work of art.

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

Nursery - The children have been practising numbers to 10 and have been learning about reptiles.

Reception- The children have been learning about the lifecycle of turtles.

Year One- The children have been making self portraits to reflect on how they are created in God's image.

Year Two- The children have been making sea creature collagraph prints.

Year Three- The children have been learning about skeletons and body parts.

Year Four- The children have been looking at place value in decimals.

Year Five- The children have been adding and subtracting decimals in maths.

Year Six- The children have been busy in rehearsing their end of year production and have been thinking about how they are stewards of God's creation.

Wow! What another busy week; well done children!

## Upcoming Dates

A reminder of some of the upcoming dates:

Monday 15th July- Key Stage Two Production 2pm

Friday 19th July- Summer Fayre

Tuesday 23rd July- Leavers' Mass at 2pm

Wednesday 24th July- Leavers' Assembly at 2:30pm

Wednesday 24th July - After school disco (more information to follow)

Friday 26th July- Last day of the school year

## Friends of St Joseph

Hello Friends of St Joseph's here. What a busy week school have had. Hope you got to see the play! Let's pray for better weather next week! Preparations are being done in the background ready for our next event. Please if you have any Teddies your children have grown out of or your having a clear out please donate.

Next Event: Summer fayre 19th July. If you would like a stall please contact school and cost is £10 a table. If you would like to help out with FOSJ please contact Mrs Fearn in the office.

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!

## 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

It was lovely to host our baby group again this week. The groups are an opportunity to chat with other parents, play and sing with your baby and have a hot drink. These classes will begin again after the summer holidays.

## OPAL- Outdoor play and learning



We are going to have a non uniform loose part day on Thursday 25th July. All children are invited to come to school in non uniform in exchange for a loose part. This will mean that we can restock our OPAL supplies ready for the children when they return in September.

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.

A reminder that any donations are gratefully received at the school office.

## Attendance

**We are seeing an increasing number of holiday request forms handed into school this term. While we are sympathetic to family circumstances and the cost of holidays, a reminder that no holidays will be authorised by school and any absence will be recorded as unauthorised.**

**Next week, we will be sending invitations to children whose attendance is 97% or above this term to take part in a non uniform day.**

**Whole school attendance this week is 92.4 %**

Reception- 94.7 %

Year One - 94.1%

Year Two - 91.6%

Year Three-91.6 %

Year Four- 96.6%

Year Five- 93.3%

Year Six-92%

**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 Archie C in year 4 whose football team won the league after he scored 4 goals in the final game!

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 **S Support**

## 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, 'Leadership', year 5 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on Nelson Mandela Day on 18th July.

## **School Vacancy**

Catering Assistant vacancy coming up in September, 22 hrs 15mins per week.

Previous experience preferred but full training will be given, must have or willing to apply for a DBS clearance.

Contact school office if interested.