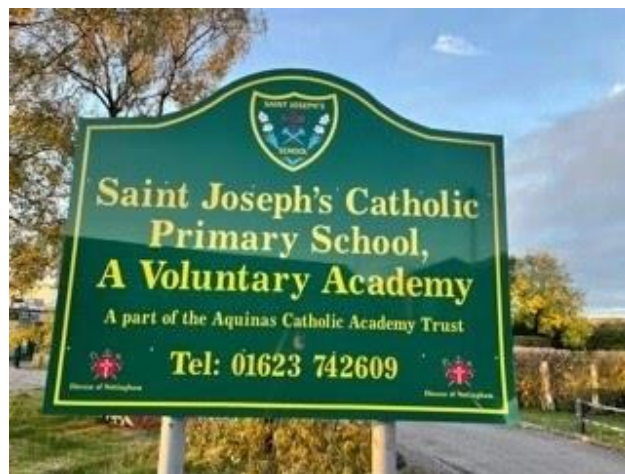


Friday 15th November

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

We have had another busy week in school!

Mansfield Town Football Club came in to present the prizes for our Penalty Shootout fundraiser. Well done to George in Year 1 who raised the most money in school and well done to lots of other children who received prizes including certificates, footballs, water bottles and tickets to watch Mansfield Town play!

Year 4 and Year 1 each had a drama day based on their topics of the Indus Valley and Florence Nightingale.

Year 2 went on their trip to the Black Country Living Museum. They had a brilliant time and they behaved beautifully learning about towns in the past.

Finally, we had Children in Need day today where children came dressed in non-uniform in exchange for a donation for Children in Need. We raised £275.54 in total, well done everyone!

This weekend in Mass

Thirty Third Sunday of the Year- 17th November 2024.

Mark 13: 24-32

In the Gospel this weekend, we are reminded that we know that Jesus is going to return but that we don't know when exactly so we need to listen to the word of God.

Miss Queenan will be running the children's liturgy group at 5pm Mass on Saturday. It would be great to see lots of our families there.

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been working hard to prepare for their visit to the Trust Synod next week. Some of our Head Pupils will speak with other members of our staff from our trust schools about how we can show love to those around us.

Catholic Life and Mission

On Tuesday, Year 2 completed their Liturgy of the Word over at Church based on the word of the week- Remembrance. Another wonderful week for Catholic Life and Mission at St Joseph's. Year 3 also completed their Church as a Chapel celebration this morning and did a beautiful job.

Sister Susan also visited our Year 1 class to support them with a type of prayer that involves stillness. Thank you to Sr Susan for supporting us with this.

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

The children in Nursery have been learning about how seeds grow. They have also wrote their names!

Reception- The children have been learning about different parts of trees and how they change during the seasons.

Year One- The children completed their Florence Nightingale experience day and performed this to Year 4 and Reception.

Year Two- The children have been learning about Shirebrook Colliery and linked this to the work they did on mines during their trip to the Black Country Living Museum.

Year Three- The children have been learning their 3 and 4 times tables!

Year Four- The children have been learning about adding 4 digit numbers in Maths and thinking about how we are called or chosen in RE.

Year Five- The children have been looking at multiples and factors in Maths and subordinating conjunctions in English.

Year Six- The children have been learning about the Sacrament of Ordination in RE.

Wow! What another busy week; well done children!

Consents in Arbor

Could we please ask you to check you have no outstanding **CONSENTS** in the **NOTICES** section of Arbor for your children. We have added a new consent titled - **Photographs/Videos - for use in Social Media** such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X etc for you to either accept or decline.

This would also be a good time to check all your details are correct, in particular any emergency contacts you have provided. If you are unable to amend or add any details to Arbor please email the school office with your information and we will amend it on your behalf.

Parent Workshops

We are delighted that we have been able to secure parent workshops with external professionals to support our families.

Our school nurse, Hayley Swann, has arranged sleep workshops in school. These are aimed at parents who may wish to learn more about how to support their child with sleep. Hayley will also be able to answer any questions that you may have about your child's health or sleep.

Early Years and Key Stage One Workshop Presentation: Monday 25th November at 9am in the school hall.

Key Stage Two Workshop Presentation: Monday 25th November at 2:30pm in the school hall.

In addition, we are also pleased to announce that our CAMHS Specialist Community Adviser will be leading a workshop to help parents support children with anxiety. This will take place in the school hall on Monday 2nd December at 2:30pm.

We are really excited for these workshops. Refreshments will be available.

Upcoming Dates

We have lots of exciting things coming up:

Tuesday 19th November- Year 6 Playmaker Award Day. **Children in Year 6 to attend school in their PE kit that day to complete their playmaker training.**

Wednesday 20th November- Synagogue Visit- **Year 3 children. Please ensure that your consent slip is returned to school to attend this.**

Thursday 21st November- Key Stage Two Mass at 9:30am - **parents welcome**

Friday 22nd November- Feed a family for £5 event- more information to follow

Friday 22nd November- RE Work Gallery at 2:45pm - **all parents welcome**

Tuesday 26th November- Year 3 and 6 Pantomime Visit- **please make payments on Arbor to secure your ticket**

Wednesday 27th November- Year 4 and 5 Pantomime Visit- **please make payments on Arbor to secure your ticket**

Friday 29th November- year 6 reading cafe- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 4th December 4-5pm- **Open Evening for new parents thinking of applying to St Joseph's**

Friday 6th December- Awards Assembly- **parents will be contacted to inform them if their child is receiving an award**

Friends of St Joseph

Friends of St Joseph's here!

If you would like to help out with FOSJ please contact Mrs Fearn in the office.

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.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 96.5%

Reception- 96.3 %

Year One - 94.7%

Year Two - 96.8%

Year Three-98.8%

Year Four- 94.2%

Year Five- 96.1%

Year Six-97.4%

Well done to year 3 who won our attendance award this week and will enjoy 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 Ciara in Year 6 who came first in 4 Irish dances and Jess in Year 4 who came 1st overall in her gymnastics competition last weekend.

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.

Our Mental Health Ambassadors have completed their training with Mrs Webster and will be teaching the school about SMILERS this half term.

This week, the Mental Health Ambassadors re-introduced the first letter of SMILERS- S - Stay Connected. This supports our mental health as having healthy relationships with people and pets helps us to feel happy!

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

Our word of the week after half term is, 'Youth'. Year 4 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how they are the future of the Church and how we can grow and develop their faith to be the faith leaders of tomorrow. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.