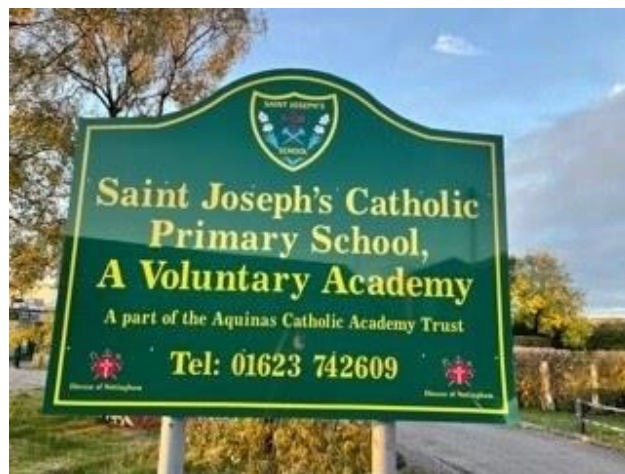


Friday 17th January

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 an incredible week this week thinking about how special we all are and how we are created and loved by God. The children have thought about what makes them unique, about different cultures and religions, about how to keep themselves safe and what they would like to be when they grow up. The children have all done exceptionally well and have filled us all with hope that one day, our remarkable children will change the world.

This weekend in Mass

John 2:1-11

'My hour has not come yet' - 'Do whatever he tells you'

This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us of how Mary, filled with trust in God and her son, told people to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There will be a 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 meeting with the pupil voice groups to see what their plans are for this term to live out our mission.

Catholic Life and Mission

Another wonderful week for Catholic Life and Mission at St Joseph's. On Tuesday, EYFS planned and presented a liturgy of the Word in church, on Wednesday Year 2 planned and led a Celebration of the word for the whole school and on Friday year 1 and 6 worked together to plan and present a celebration of the work in church.

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

The children in Nursery have been reading the story of Goldilocks and Three Bears.

Reception- The children have been learning phase 3 sounds in phonics and have been working really hard with their reading.

Year One- The children have been reading Rapunzel and have been learning how to use adjectives in their writing.

Year Two- The children have been learning about lighthouse features in their DT lessons.

Year Three- The children have been learning about comparative and superlative adjectives.

Year Four- The children have been learning about area in maths.

Year Five- The children have been learning about the water cycle in their Geography lessons.

Year Six- The children went to visit Derby University this week.

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.

Upcoming Dates

We have lots of exciting things coming in school:

23rd January- Reception Balance Bike Session- children to come dressed in PE kit

24th January- year 2 reading cafe- parents welcome

28th January- year 2 Liturgy of the Word in church- parents welcome

30th January- Reception Balance Bike Session- children to come dressed in PE kit

30th January- year 1 scooter session- children to come dressed in PE kit

30th January- Year 6 Pilgrimage to St Philip's church- more information to follow

31st January- year 3 reading cafe- parents welcome

4th February- year 5 Mass in church- parents welcome

6th February- year 1 scooter session- children to come dressed in PE kit

7th February- NSPCC Numbers Day- children to come in dressed as something 'number' themed- more information to follow

7th February- year 1 reading cafe- parents welcome

Friends of St Joseph

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 with last entry being at 8:15am.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 96.7%

Reception- 94.8%

Year One - 95.8%

Year Two - 95.9%

Year Three-96.1%

Year Four- 96.8%

Year Five- 99.4%

Year Six-97.6%

Well done to year 5 who won our attendance award this week and enjoyed an extra playtime.

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



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 presented to the whole school this week about S- Stay Connected and M- Move. To find out more, please read the SMILERS newsletter attached.

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

After Christmas, our word of the week is, 'Discipleship. Year 4 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can all be disciples. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.