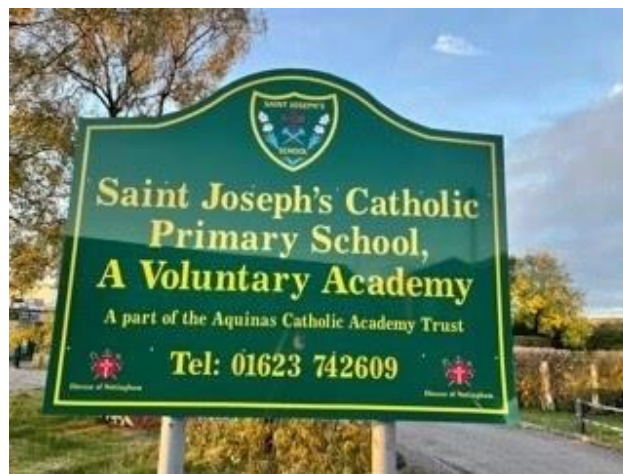


# Friday 28th February

## 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 wonderful week at St Joseph's. We had a visit from the Book Bus, enjoyed a parent OPAL play afternoon, year 6 had a STEM activity on Tuesday and we had movie night! Another busy week in school!

## **This weekend in Mass**

**Luke 6:39-45**

**Can the blind lead the blind?**

This Sunday's Gospel we hear of how Jesus shared this parable with his disciples.

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 led an assembly for the whole school and set the children a challenge of thinking of the Common Good. They shared how we can think carefully so that our actions and decisions think about everyone and not just a few. We can achieve this through simple acts such as sharing with others, making sure that everyone is included and showing love to everyone around the world.

## Catholic Life and Mission

Another wonderful week for Catholic Life and Mission at St Joseph's. On Tuesday, year 1 led a beautiful Liturgy of the Word in church, on Wednesday, year 5 class led the whole school in prayer and today, years 2 and 4 led a wonderful Celebration of the word in church.

Next week is a busy week in school as we enter the Holy Season of Lent on Wednesday. On Tuesday we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with Mardi Gras. All children are invited to come into school dressed in bright clothing for the celebrations.

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

The children in Nursery have been learning how to identify bigger and smaller objects.

Reception- The children have been reading, 'The Three Little Pigs', and have been making their own houses of straw, sticks and bricks.

Year One- The children have been learning about past tense verbs in English and about the Wright Brothers in their history of flight unit.

Year Two- The children have been building their own lighthouses that they designed themselves.

Year Three- The children have been learning about division in maths and about pronouns in English.

Year Four- The children have been learning about auxiliary verbs to make questions.

Year Five- The children have been learning about non-finite clauses in English.

Year Six- The children have been learning how to convert fractions into decimals.

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 this term:

3rd March- year 5 need to come to school dressed in PE kits ready to take part in their play leader training.

4th March- Mardi Gras- to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, we invite all children to come dressed in bright clothing.

5th March- Ash Wednesday Service in church at 2pm- **parents are welcome to attend.**

6th March- World Book Day- children are invited to come dressed as a book character or in comfortable reading clothes.

6th March- Year 4 Pilgrimage to St Philip Neri church in Mansfield. Children to come to school in uniform and then change into word book clothing for the afternoon when they return.

7th March- Coffee Afternoon in the school hall from 2:30- **parents are welcome to attend.**

W/C 10th March- Parents' Evening- please return the slip to book your meeting.

12th March- Year 6 visit to Mansfield Town Football Club.

14th March- CAFOD Family Fast Day- children are invited to come to school in non uniform in exchange for a donation to CAFOD.

## Friends of St Joseph

Friends of St Joseph arranged a very successful Movie Night this week.

Coming up: Coffee Afternoon on Friday 7th March.

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 96.4%**

**Reception- 100%**

Year One - 94.4%

Year Two - 97.5%

Year Three-95.1%

Year Four- 93.1%

Year Five- 97.7%

Year Six- 97.8%

Well done to reception class 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.



## **I-Vengers Safety Tip of the Week**

Always tell a trusted adult if someone says mean comments to you online.

## **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, 'Temperance'. Year 5 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect and pray. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.