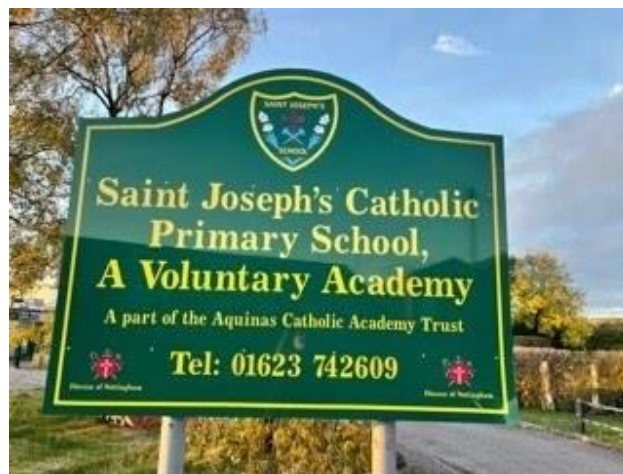


Friday 14th March

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 our Catholic Schools Inspection this week. The children were an absolute credit to the school and demonstrated the St Joseph's way, confidently sharing their learning with the inspectors. As soon as the report is published, we will share the report and result with our parents and school community.

Year 6 went on a visit to Mansfield Town Football club, year 1 had a visit to Yorkshire Air Museum, years 1 and 2 went on their Big Lent Walk, years 2 and 3 had a great session with STAGS in school, we had successful parents evenings and managed to squeeze in a non uniform day.

What a busy week!

This weekend in Mass

The Second Sunday of Lent

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured before them

This Sunday's Gospel we hear of the transfiguration that Peter, John and James witnessed.

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 made a wonderful video to share with our Governors this week teaching them about our Catholic Social Teaching principle this term, The Common Good. They also did a fantastic job speaking to the inspectors about the work that they do in school to make it such a wonderful place.

Catholic Life and Mission

Another wonderful week for Catholic Life and Mission at St Joseph's. On Wednesday, Reception class led the whole school in prayer and today, years 1 and 6 led a wonderful Celebration of the word in church.

Our CAFOD club organised a non uniform day and cake sale to raise money for CAFOD. The children did a great job organising, promoting and supporting this event.

Years 1 and 2 went on their, 'Big Lent Walk' to raise money for CAFOD.

Next week, we will be celebrating the Feast of St Joseph. We start the day with Mass and then have prayer opportunities throughout the day to reflect on our patron saint. Children in St Joseph's House are invited to come to school dressed in non uniform (in red if possible) to celebrate this Feast.

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

The children in Nursery have been retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and exploring shapes and sizes.

Reception- The children have been thinking about how we gather in Mass and how Jesus invited the children to come to Him.

Year One- The children have been on a trip to the Yorkshire Air Museum and have been thinking about the Last Supper in RE.

Year Two- The children have been learning about explorers in history and had a great session with Mansfield Town Football Club.

Year Three- The children have been learning about friction in science and the Eucharist in RE.

Year Four- The children have been learning about improper verbs in English and about teeth in science.

Year Five- The children have been finding fractions of amounts in maths.

Year Six- The children have been learning about the Our Father prayer in RE this week and how this links to scripture, sacraments and beliefs.

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:

18th March- Years 3 and 4 Big Lent Walk- letters have been sent home with more information

19th March- St Joseph's Feast Day- children in St Joseph's House to come dressed in non uniform (with red if possible)

19th March- Mass to celebrate St Joseph's Day at 9:10am in church- parents welcome

20th March- Year 5 Pilgrimage to St Philip Neri Church- more information to follow

21st March- Awards Assembly- parents will be informed on Monday if their child will be receiving an award

22nd March- First Holy Communion Enrollment Mass at 5pm in church.

25th March- Years 5 and 6 Big Lent Walk- letters have been sent home with more information

26th March- Year 5 visit to All Saints School Pantomime- more information to follow

27th- 28th March- Year 4 residential visit to Whitby

27th March- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in the school hall- more information to follow

28th March- RE Gallery in school- All classes will have RE work displayed in school at 2:45pm

Friends of St Joseph

Thank you to Friends of St Joseph who organised a successful Coffee Afternoon last week.

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 95.8%

Reception- 93.1%

Year One - 97.1%

Year Two - 91.3%

Year Three-99.1%

Year Four- 95.5%

Year Five- 95.6%

Year Six- 98.5%

Well done to year 3 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.

I-Vengers Safety Tip of the Week

Always be nice to people online. Encourage them if they don't know how to play a game rather than shout at them.

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, 'Fasting'. Year 6 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect during this season of Lent. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.