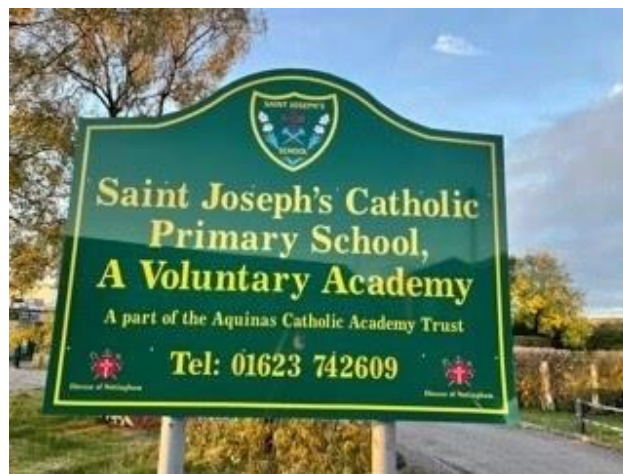


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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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NEWSLETTER



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This week at St Joseph's

We have had another wonderful week at St Joseph's. Year 4 have been on a residential visit to Whitby, year 5 have visited All Saints School to watch their pantomime, year 5 and 6 went on their Big Lent Walk, we had a Mothers' Day afternoon tea and an RE gallery.

What a busy week!

Next week is the last week of this term. School will be closed for two weeks for the Easter break and will reopen on Tuesday 22nd April.

This weekend in Mass

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The prodigal son

This Sunday's Gospel we hear how God loves us and forgives us in the parable that Jesus told, The Prodigal Son.

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 planning to launch their next Catholic Social Teaching challenge next term.

Catholic Life and Mission

Another wonderful week for Catholic Life and Mission at St Joseph's. On Wednesday, year 2 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 donations box for our RE gallery, this will be added to our Lent collection.

Years 5 and 6 went on their, 'Big Lent Walk' to raise money for CAFOD.

Next week, we will be thinking about the events of Holy Week in class and in whole school worship. Years 4 and 5 will present the events of Holy Week at 2pm on Friday 4th April.

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

The children in Nursery have been reading, 'The Gingerbread Man' and have been learning about letter and number formation.

Reception- The children have been looking at recipes and how they can make their own gingerbread men.

Year One- The children have been learning about Neil Armstrong and have been writing biographies.

Year Two- The children have been learning about division in their maths work.

Year Three- The children have been learning about unit fractions in maths and about the Ancient Greek Olympics in history.

Year Four- The children have been learning about factors in maths and have been having a debate in RE to answer their big question.

Year Five- The children have been learning about how we can sacrifice things during Lent inspired by Jesus.

Year Six- The children created art work to help them understand the Eucharist 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.

Upcoming Dates

We have lots of exciting things coming in school this term:

31st March- St Bernadette Celebration- children in St Bernadette's House can come dressed in non uniform.

31st March- First Holy Communion Preparation group- after school 3:30-4:15.

1st April- EYFS Big Lent Walk- children will be sent a letter with more information.

2nd April- Year 5 visit to Mansfield Town Football Club- more information to follow.

2nd April- Easter Egg Raffle in school- **tickets on sale in classes. Any donations of Easter Eggs are gratefully received in the school office.**

3rd April- Year 2 visit to the Tropical House

4th April- Year 4 and 5 Easter Presentation at 2pm- **parents welcome.**

4th April- last day of school term.

22nd April- School open to all pupils. This is Earth Day. Children are invited to come dressed in earth colours or as their favourite thing on earth.

Friends of St Joseph

Thank you to Friends of St Joseph who have organised our Mothers' Day Raffle this 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.**

Please note that after the Easter break, we will be capping the numbers at Breakfast club. To secure your child's place after Easter, please book on Arbor. Only the children booked on will be allowed into the hall.

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.

This week our Mental Health Ambassadors spoke to all of the children about how they can 'Look to help support their mental health. Please read the SMILERS newsletter attached for more information.

I-Vengers Safety Tip of the Week

Be really careful not to click on suspicious links or pop ups. They could harm your device.

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, 'Sacrifice'. Year 3 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.