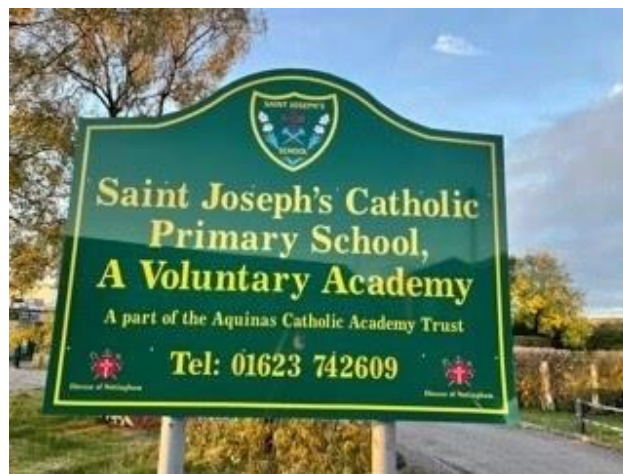


# Friday 25th April

## St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

### NEWSLETTER



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## Happy Easter!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families Happy Easter. It was wonderful to welcome all of the children back into school this week and we hope that you all enjoyed a happy and Holy Easter. The children have all settled back well into school and we are looking forward to the exciting things coming up in this final term of school this academic year.

## School Uniform

We are hopeful that the weather will continue to improve throughout this term and wanted to remind parents about summer uniform at St Joseph's. At St Joseph's we pride ourselves on our uniform and after parental consultation have changed elements of our uniform in previous years. We appreciate your support when making sure that your child comes to school in appropriate uniform in line with our policy.

Children are welcome to come dressed in either winter or summer uniform depending on what they feel comfortable in and what the weather conditions are like outdoors.

Therefore, girls may come to school dressed in either a green gingham dress, green cardigan, white or green socks/ tights and black flat sensible school shoes (not trainers) OR a formal white shirt, school tie, green skirt or pinafore dress or grey straight leg trousers, green cardigan and black flat sensible shoes (not trainers). If girls wish to wear cycling shorts which are shorter than their dresses, they are able to do this.

Boys may wear either grey straight leg trousers or shorts with a white formal shirt, school tie, green jumper, dark coloured socks and black sensible shoes (not trainers).

On PE days, children are invited to come dressed to school in their PE kits. All children should wear the following PE kit:

**Black** joggers, a white polo shirt and a **black** hoodie.

On Forest schools days, children may come to school dressed in appropriate forest schools clothing. This does not need to be a particular colour but should be long sleeved and cover their legs.

No jewellery (including earrings) should be worn on PE or forest school days.

In addition, we would like to remind all parents that all hair should be tied back if it is longer than shoulder length. This is for both boys and girls and ensures the safety of all children.

Finally, no make up or false nails should be worn at school. As well as being inappropriate for school, false nails can be unsafe for children when playing and taking part in activities in school.

## **This weekend in Mass**

**John 20:19-31**

**Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them**

This Sunday's Gospel we hear how Jesus spent time with His disciples after His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

In addition to this Mass, there will be other services and Masses in the coming days to mourn the death of Pope Francis. Please find more details of these attached to the newsletter.

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 preparing to launch the next Catholic Social Teaching principle to the whole school next week.

## Catholic Life and Mission

This week we have been mourning the death of Pope Francis. We have been thinking about the wonderful things that he asked us to focus on and how we can all be inspired by his care for others and his humility.

Also, on Tuesday, we celebrated Earth Day. This was a great opportunity to think about the wonderful world that God created and how we can be stewards of creation and care for our common home.

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

The children in Nursery have been welcoming their new starter children and have been reading, 'We're going on a bear hunt'

Reception- The children have been celebrating Earth Day by litter picking and enjoying God's creation

Year One- The children have been launching their new topic 'Bright Lights Big City' and enjoyed their sports session with STAGS

Year Two- The children have been on a minibeast hunt on the field for their science work

Year Three- The children have been learning about superlative adjectives in English and about the layers of the Earth in Geography

Year Four- The children have been learning about teeth in science and have started to look at fractions

Year Five- The children have been ordering and comparing decimal numbers in maths

Year Six- The children have been learning about the Easter Vigil in their RE work

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 and instagram 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. Please also see the dates for the term attached to this newsletter:

29th April- Year 5 Mass at 9:10am in church- **parents welcome**

29th April- First Confession- those children who have been preparing for this Sacrament this year

2nd May- year 2 and year 4 will be in church for their celebration of the word- parents welcome

5th May- Bank Holiday Monday- **school closed to all pupils**

7th May- year 2 visit to Mansfield Town Football club- more information to follow

8th May- Easter Celebration in school - **children are invited to make an Easter Bonnet as part of these celebrations**

9th May- year 1 and year 6 will be in church for their celebration of the word- **parents welcome**

12th May- SATS week for year 6

## Friends of St Joseph

Friends of St Joseph have organised an after school entertainer event on 21st May from 3pm- 5pm. Please see our Facebook page, parent email and Arbor for more information on how to book your child a place.

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 we are now capping the numbers at Breakfast club. To secure your child's place, please book on Arbor. Only the children booked on will be allowed into the hall.**

## Attendance

**Whole school attendance this week is 98%**

Reception- 100%

Year One - 96.8%

Year Two - 96.7%

Year Three-99%

Year Four- 97.3%

Year Five- 98.4%

Year Six- 97.1%



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.**



**This week our Mental Health Ambassadors are promoting this across school.**

### **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, 'Mercy'. Year 1 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can be merciful in our lives. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.