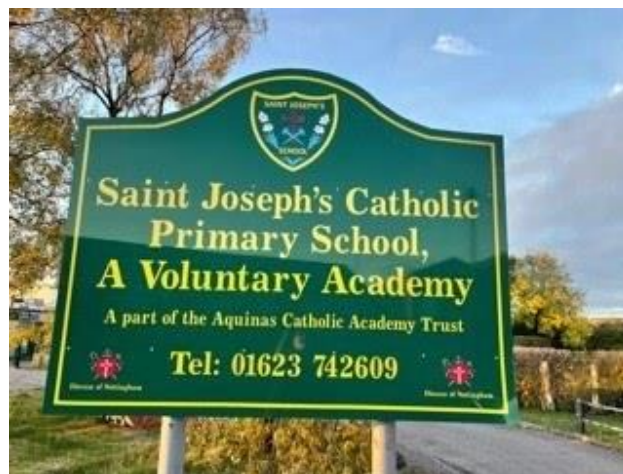


Friday 9th May

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 enjoyed a wonderful week at St Joseph's. We are busy celebrating Eastertide across school and it was great to see the wonderful Easter Bonnet designs by the children.

It has been a short week but a very busy week for all classes. Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Mansfield Town Football Club. The children loved their journey on the train!

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. In warmer weather, children are welcome to come in **green** school PE shorts. **Please note that these should not be hot pant/ cycling short style shorts.**

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 10:27-30

I know my sheep and they follow me

This Sunday's Gospel we hear how, as the sheep of Jesus, we hear His voice and follow Him.

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 looking for those children who have been showing the Catholic Social Teaching Principles around school. They also had a special job this week when Mrs Seaman was at a meeting. They checked to make sure that everyone was following our School Behaviour Curriculum and the St Joseph's way.

Catholic Life and Mission

This week we have been praying that those involved in the Conclave are guided by the Holy Spirit when making this important decision.

On Wednesday, year 3 led the whole school in a wonderful celebration of the word.

Across school, we had a very exciting Easter Celebration where the children took part in many different Easter themed activities.

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

The children in Nursery have been learning about the Easter story and have been reading the Smeds and Smoos to learn about friendship.

Reception- The children have been learning about how we can be good friends and how we are all special and unique.

Year One- The children have been writing an independent biography and have been learning about arrays and repeated addition.

Year Two- The children have been learning about Mass in maths and about food chains in Science.

Year Three- The children have been learning about the Ascension in RE and about direct speech in English.

Year Four- The children have been writing persuasive letters in English and about the digestive system in Science.

Year Five- The children have been converting fractions and decimals into percentages.

Year Six- The children have been completing their final revision sessions before they complete their SATs papers next 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 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:

12th May- SATS week for year 6

21st May - Year 3 visit to Mansfield Town Football Club

21st May- Friends of St Joseph entertainer after school

23rd May- St Philip's Celebration- children in St Philp's House may come dressed in non uniform for the day.

23rd May- Last day of school. School will reopen on Monday 2nd June for all pupils.

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 94.5%

Reception- 95.8%

Year One - 95.6%

Year Two - 95.8%

Year Three-95.3%

Year Four- 91.9%

Year Five- 95.5%

Year Six- 96%

Well done to year 6 who won our attendance award this week and enjoyed an extra playtime.

Attendance across school has been lower this week. Hopefully, this will improve next week.

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



Well done to Philip in year 4 who moved up to stage 7 at swimming this week!

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, 'Vocation'. Year 3 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we are all called to a vocation in life. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.