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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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Happy Summer

We have come to the end of another successful year at St Joseph's school. Our children have worked exceptionally hard and we are very proud of all that they have achieved. It has been an honour to watch them grow in maturity and confidence this year and to see how confidently they demonstrate the school virtues. As headteacher, I am immensely proud of our school community and am honoured to be part of each and every child's journey.

This year we have achieved Platinum Opal accreditation, Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award, Gold School Games Mark Award and Outstanding in all areas of our Catholic Schools Inspection. In addition to this, our children have achieved above the national average in EYFS, Year One and Year 6 assessments and as a school we are above the national average for our attendance.

All of these achievements are a reflection on how hard our children and staff work and are a testament to how well supported we are by our families and community. I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your support this year and I look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year.

On behalf of the staff, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the very beautiful cards, generous gifts and kind words at the end of this year. These are never expected and are very gratefully received by all of the staff in school.

Have a happy and safe summer,

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass

Luke 11:1-13

How to pray

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



Thank you to our Head Pupils for their hard work and dedication this year. They have been wonderful role models to the other children and have represented our school with confidence and pride. We will miss you all and look forward to hearing how you settle in your new schools.

We are very excited to introduce our new head pupils: Dillon, Lucja, Archie O, Julia, Asher and Claudia. These children will be our Head pupils when we return from the summer holidays in September.

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

The children across school have all been saying farewell to their class teachers and have been enjoying some time together before the summer break. Well done children. You have all worked so hard this year; we cannot wait to welcome you back in September.

Nursery- the children have been learning about endangered animals and how we can care for our planet.

Reception- the children have been learning about animals and about dinosaurs.

Year 1- the children have been creating their own stories with exciting characters.

Year 2- the children have been learning about position and direction in maths.

Year 3- the children have been learning about Jesus' special places in RE.

Year 4 - the children have been writing their own stories based on books they have read.

Year 5 - the children enjoyed Forest Schools this week where they built a fire and cooked food.

Year 6 - the children did a wonderful job reflecting on their time at St Joseph's in their Leavers' Mass and Leavers' Assembly.

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

Today is the last day of the school year. All children will return to school on Wednesday 3rd September for the new school year.

Friends of St Joseph

Thank you to St Joseph's for all of their support this year. If you would like to help out with FOSJ next year, 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. The cost for this will be £2.50 per child. 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.**

We are very excited that we now have a Breakfast Club for Nursery children. This runs from 7:45am in the nursery classroom. If you would like your child to attend, please book them on via Arbor.

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 96.3%.

Reception- 96.7%

Year One - 96.5%

Year Two - 96.3%

Year Three-96.6%

Year Four- 96.1%

Year Five- 97.6%

Year Six- 97.9%

Well done to year 6 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.**

Thank you for all your support with attendance this year. We are finishing the school year with a whole school attendance of 95.8% which is above national average and is 1.3% higher than last year!

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 will be working hard next year to teach the children different ways to look after their mental health.

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

After the summer holidays, we will still be focussing on a word of the week in school but we will no longer be making the videos to share on our youtube channel. We will be looking at new and exciting ways to share our faith and prayers with you in September.