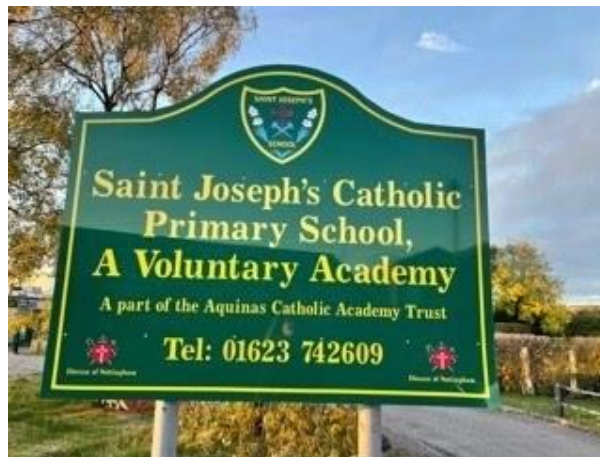


Friday 19th September

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 a another lovely week at St Joseph's. The children have all been thinking about how we can all show patience in our lives and that God has a plan for us all but sometimes we have to be patient to see what that plan is. Year 1 and 6 spent some time in church this week thinking about how they can show patience and having some quiet time with God.

This week, year 6 went to visit Shirebrook Library. They were great representatives of the school and demonstrated the St Joseph's way.

Also, as part of Snack-tember, we tried cucumber in school and we have seen some excellent healthy snacks and lunchboxes.

In addition, year 2 enjoyed a wonderful reading cafe this week. It was great to see so many parents enjoying books with their children.

Our Chaplaincy Team did a fantastic job helping us to reflect on God's world this week. They planned and delivered a day of prayer for the whole school based on the Season of Creation.

Finally, year 5 did a wonderful job leading the whole school in a beautiful celebration of the word this week. We were joined by Mr Della Spina from Our Lady of Lourdes Trust who was very impressed by how confidently the children led the school in prayer.

As always, we will keep you all updated about events in school in this weekly newsletter as well as our 'Sunday Update' on Facebook each week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass

Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be the slave of both God and money

This weekend is Education Sunday. On Saturday at 5pm, we would like to invite children to attend Mass and take part in the readings and prayers.

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy working on how we can be more aware of our rights.

Article of the week- this is an opportunity for the children to look at different articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

This week the children have been looking at articles 38 and 39 as it is the Day of Peace on Sunday and we were thinking about those children in areas of conflict who do not have their rights met.

Snack-tember

This year, we will be thinking about how we can all eat a healthy diet to keep our brain and body strong and working well. During the month of September, we will be thinking about how we can chose better snacks to support this.

Throughout the month, we will be trialling different foods in school as part of our, 'Try it Tuesdays', children will be encouraged to try fruits and vegetables that they may not have tried before. If you would not like your child to take part, please contact the school office.

In addition, we will be on the look out for healthy snacks and packed lunches that we can take pictures of and share to give our busy parents exciting ideas for snacks that children could bring to school to enjoy.

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

Nursery- The children have been learning the feelings song and have been learning about special people in our lives.

Reception- The children have been drawing their own colour monsters and writing initial sounds.

Year One- The children have been learning about where we live.

Year Two- The children have been learning about human and physical features on maps using grid references.

Year Three- The children have been learning about geographical regions in geography.

Year Four- The children have been learning how to make a circuit in science.

Year Five- The children have been looking at the journey of the river and how the land is used around the River Thames.

Year Six- The children have been learning about subordinating conjunctions in English and place value problem solving in maths.

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

Please see this year's key dates attached to the newsletter.

A reminder that Young Voices, Drama and Stags clubs are all on this term. If you would like to book your child a place, please see Arbor.

Upcoming dates to highlight:

Tuesday 23rd September- Aspens Family Cooking Event in the school hall- **9.30am**

Friday 26th September- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at 2:30pm in the school hall- **parents welcome**

Friday 3rd October - Poetry Showcase in the school hall at 2:45pm- **parents welcome**

Friday 10th October - Year 3 Reading Cafe at 8:50am in the school hall- **parents welcome**

Friday 10th October- Year 5 and 6 RE assembly in the school hall at 2:45pm- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 15th October- EYFS trip to Sherwood Pines- **more information to follow**

Thursday 16th October- Harvest Collection- we will be collecting dried and tinned food items to donate to a local food bank

Friday 17th October- Year 4 reading Cafe at 8:50am in the school hall- **parents welcome**

Friday 17th October- Write to Excite Gallery at 2:45pm- **parents welcome**

Last day of term on 17th October. School will reopen for all pupils on Monday 3rd November

Monday 3rd November- Shine your light day- **children come dressed in bright colours**

Friends of St Joseph

We are very grateful for all of the work that our PTA, Friends of St Joseph do to support our school. They are looking for new members to help them. If you think you could help, even if you are only able to give a little time, 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 **96.1 %** we are hopeful that now we are back and settled into school, this will improve next week.

Reception- 97%

Year 1- 97.9%

Year 2- 96.5%

Year 3- 95.5%

Year 4- 97.6%

Year 5- 93.2%

Year 6- 99.7%

Well done to year 6 this week who have won our attendance award this week for the second week in a row!

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 Matilda in year 1 who came 8th in the Regional Cyclocross Nottingham and Derby League.

Super work Daisy in year 4 who came 2nd in her gymnastics competition.

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 year, our Mental Health Ambassadors will be working hard to teach our children about how they can care for their mental health with simple actions.

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.