

Friday 5th September

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back!

It has been a wonderful first few days back at St Joseph's. It was so lovely to see all of the children return safely to school ready to learn. I hope that you all enjoyed a restful summer break and enjoyed some family time together. We are looking forward to an exciting year and to working closely with our families as we help the children in our care to be the very best version of themselves.

Class teachers will be sending newsletters home this week but if you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or to speak to the staff on the door at the beginning or end of each day.

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.

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass

Luke 14:25-33

Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple

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





Dillon, Lucja, Archie O, Julia, Asher and Claudia are our new Head Pupils this year. They have already been busy working to make a video to teach the school about how we can respect the rights of others as part of our 'Rights Respecting work.

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 1, 4 and 41 which all link to how children have rights and how they should be protected and promoted.

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.

For more information, please see the information sheet attached to this newsletter or speak to the school office.

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

This week the children have all been settling into their new classrooms and thinking about how they can live out our Mission Statement. We have also been reading, 'I am Human' and have been looking at our behaviour curriculum and the St Joseph's Way.

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, Stags and Science Tots clubs all start next week. If you would like to book your child a place, please see Arbor.

Upcoming dates to highlight:

Wednesday 10th September- Year 6 visit to Sudbury Hall- all children have had a letter with more information

Friday 12th September- Year 1 Reading Cafe at 8:50am in the school hall- **parents welcome**

Friday 19th September- Year 2 Reading Cafe at 8:50am in the school hall- **parents welcome**

Tuesday 23rd September- Aspens Family Cooking Event in the school hall- **more information to follow**

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**

Friends of St Joseph

We are very grateful for all of the work that our PTA, Friends of St Joseph do to support out 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

All children have taken home a letter today showing their attendance for last academic year. We will be closely monitoring attendance across the school year and children will be working to win prizes for themselves and their class.

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 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.