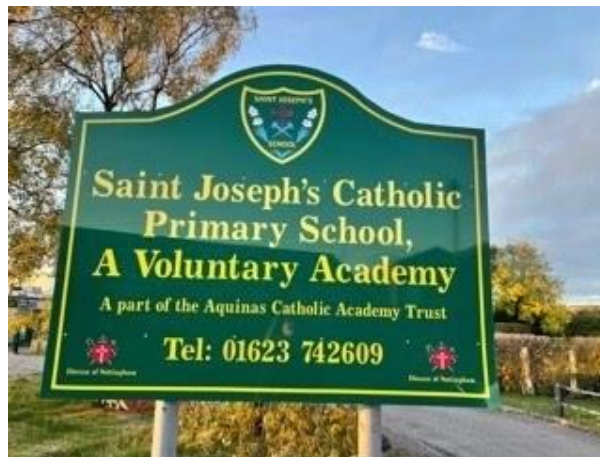


Friday 7th November

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back into school this week. The children have all returned to school beautifully and have been excited to share their stories about their half term break.

This week at St Joseph's, the children have been starting their new RE units and have been reflecting on how we can all be stewards of creation.

On Monday, it was great to see the children all dressed in bright colours and hear the ways that they were going to shine their light for others to see.

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

On Thursday, year 4 led the whole school reverently in celebration of the word.

Over the week, years 2 and 3 have had exciting launch days to start their new topics, year 5 and 6 enjoyed their sessions with STAGs and years 1 and 4 enjoyed their Forest School sessions.

What a busy week! Next week, we will be thinking about anti bullying week. Children are invited to wear odd socks as part of their school uniform to celebrate how we are all different and unique.

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

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass

John 2:13-22

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

This weekend there will be a children's liturgy at the 5pm Mass. All children are welcome to attend.

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils took our food collection to The Freedom Project this week. We managed to fill a whole car boot and have to go back next week with another car load.

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 2, 12, 13 and 19 which all link to Anti Bullying week next week.

Try it Tuesday

This year, we have thinking about how we can all eat a healthy diet to keep our brain and body strong and working well. This week the children all had another opportunity to try peppers and have been very proud of the healthy snacks and lunchboxes they have been bringing into school.

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

Nursery- The children have been reading, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and have been looking at numbers 1-5.

Reception- The children have been writing about their favourite foods and have been learning about mass in maths.

Year One- The children have been learning about what animals need to survive.

Year Two- The children have been learning about how houses have changed over time.

Year Three- The children have been learning about Mass in their RE lessons.

Year Four- The children have been learning how to find perimeter of shapes in maths.

Year Five- The children have been learning about multiples and factors in maths.

Year Six- The children have been learning about subordinating and coordinating conjunctions in English.

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.

Upcoming dates to highlight:

Monday 10th November- year 3 trip to Cresswell Crags- **more information to follow**

Monday 10th November- children can come dressed in odd socks with their school uniform to demonstrate how we are all unique and different

Wednesday 12th November- year one workshop in school from Mansfield Museum

Thursday 13th November- year 2 trip to Mansfield Museum- **more information to follow**

Thursday 13th November- Movie night- **if you would like your children to attend, please book on Arbor**

Friday 14th November- Children in Need- **all children are invited to come dressed in non uniform in exchange for a donation to Children in Need.**

Friday 14th November- year 6 reading cafe- **parents are welcome to join the children in the hall from 8:50am**

Monday 17th November- year 4 visit to Mansfield Museum- **more information to follow**

Monday 17th November- Flu vaccinations in school- **please see your email for more information**

Tuesday 18th November- year 6 Playmaker session- **year 6 should come dressed in full PE kit**

Wednesday 19th- Friday 21st November- Year 5 residential visit to Hagg Farm

Friday 21st November- Reception reading cafe- **parents are welcome to join the children in the hall from 8:50am**

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 **95.5 %** . A reminder that we can administer medication in school if your child is feeling a little unwell but is still able to attend school. All children have had a letter sent home with their current attendance.

Reception- 94.4%

Year 1- 99.2%

Year 2- 96%

Year 3- 94%

Year 4- 98.5%

Year 5- 93.1%

Year 6- 92.6%

Well done to year 1 this week who have won our attendance award this week and enjoyed Fresh Air Friday!

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 have been busy promoting this around 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.