

# Friday 16th January

## 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!**

It has been a fantastic week at St Joseph's and it has been great to see all of the children so engaged in their learning.

A special mention to these events this week:

On Monday, years 3, 4, 5 and 6 all took part in 'Dementia Friends' workshops where they learned more about Dementia and how they can support others.

This week, year 6 led the whole school in prayer in their Celebration of the Word.

Nursery and Reception went on a winter walk to explore what they could see and hear.

On Wednesday, year 6 took part in a healthy eating session led by Bolsover Partnership and on Thursday they had a great day as evacuees launching their WWII topic.

On Friday, year 3 enjoyed their reading cafe with parents and years 1 and 5 led parents in prayer over in church.

We are very excited for the term ahead with lots of exciting activities, trips and residentials across the school. As always, we will continue to update you with information this term in the newsletter and on Facebook each Sunday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

## **This weekend in Mass- The Baptism of the Lord**

**John 1:29-34**

**'Look: there is the Lamb of God'**

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

## Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy this week reviewing their action plan and thinking about what they want to achieve this year.

**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 thinking about Article 14- Freedom of thought and religion

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

Nursery- The children have been exploring lights and shadows and have been practicing their letter formation and drawing.

Reception- The children have been learning about part whole models in maths.

Year One- The children have been learning about UK flags and have been learning about proper nouns in English.

Year Two- The children have been thinking about what animals and humans need to survive.

Year Three- The children have been learning about linking adverbs in English and multiplication in maths.

Year Four- The children have been producing their final piece in art inspired by Georgia O' Keefe using water colours and pastels.

Year Five- The children have been looking at the different characteristics of climate zones.

Year Six- The children have been learning about evacuees in WWII in their new history topic.

## 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 - **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

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 for this term attached to the newsletter.

### Upcoming dates to highlight:

Tuesday 20th January- Years 1 and 5 Mass in church at 9:10- **parents welcome**

Thursday 22nd January- year 6 visit to Shirebrook Library

Friday 23rd January- Years 2 and 6 church as a chapel at 9:10am in church- **parents welcome**

Friday 23rd January- year 4 reading cafe at 8:50 in the school hall- **parents welcome**

Thursday 29th January - year 4 visit to Shirebrook library

Friday 30th January- Years 3 and 4 church as a chapel at 9:10am in church- **parents welcome**

Friday 30th January- year 5 reading cafe at 8:50 in the school hall- **parents welcome**

**As always, we will continue to update you on the week ahead each Sunday afternoon on Facebook**

## 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 **89.8%** . Attendance is slightly slower this week due to the bad weather last Friday. We are hopeful that attendance will improve next week.

**Reception- 88.3%**

**Year 1- 96.7%**

**Year 2- 88.4%**

**Year 3- 83.5%**

**Year 4- 93.9%**

**Year 5- 91.6%**

**Year 6- 87.9%**

**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, we have been looking at, I- Interest. Please find the Smilers newsletter attached for more information.**

## 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.