

# Friday 23rd January

## St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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### NEWSLETTER



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## **This week at St Joseph's!**

It has been another wonderful week at St Joseph's.

A special mention to these events this week:

On Tuesday, years 1 and 5 read in Mass in church. Fr John led a beautiful Mass on the word of the week, Discipleship.

Nursery and Reception had a great day working with Mansfield Museum in class linking to their Winter Wonderland topic.

On Thursday, years 5 and 6 worked with the Aspens team in the kitchen to bake bread and scones. In the afternoon, Aspens led a live cooking event with 10 of our families.

On Friday, year 4 enjoyed their reading cafe with parents and Reception class enjoyed their Balance Bike Session with Bolsover Partnership.

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**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

**'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.'**

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 learning how to write their name and have been subitising to 3 in maths.

Reception- The children have been writing about the things that they can see in winter.

Year One- The children have been learning about the names and properties of 3D shapes in maths and how to count to 12 in German.

Year Two- The children have been building structures in DT and have been writing past tense sentences about explorers in English.

Year Three- The children have been learning about the location of Greece in geography.

Year Four- The children have been investigating the features of Anglo Saxon pouches so that they can design their own.

Year Five- The children have been writing a biography about Queen Elizabeth.

Year Six- The children have been learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers 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 - **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:

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**

Tuesday 3rd February- Reception and year 4 Mass in church at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 4th February- year 4 visit to Mansfield Town Football Club

Thursday 5th February- year 3 visit to Shirebrook Library

Friday 6th February- NSPCC Numbers Day- children come dressed in 'number themed' non uniform in exchange for a donation for NSPCC.

Friday 6th February- year 6 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 **95.6%** . Attendance is much better this week. Thank you to all parents for your support.

**Reception- 94.7%**

**Year 1- 98.3%**

**Year 2- 99.4%**

**Year 3- 96.8%**

**Year 4- 96.4%**

**Year 5- 97.7%**

**Year 6- 99.4%**

**Well done to year 2 and year 6 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**



Well done to Jaiden in year 3 who has achieved Stage Two at swimming.

Well done to Ivy in year 4 who achieved her 50m swimming badge this week.

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.