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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 another wonderful week at St Joseph's. The children have enjoyed a great week and have demonstrated great engagement in their learning.

A special mention to these events this week:

On Monday, we the whole school enjoyed a RockSteady assembly followed by music workshops for Key Stage One and Two.

Year 6 enjoyed their work with Bolsover Partnership learning about how they can develop healthy habits at different times during the day.

On Thursday, Reception class led the whole school in a Celebration of the word.

On Friday, year 5 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 5:1-12

How happy are the poor in spirit

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 Articles 2 and 30 as we consider the importance of no discrimination and we celebrate how unique we all are.

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

Nursery- The children have been making winter collages and learning how to write their names.

Reception- The children have been learning about evergreen trees and reading the story of feeding the 5000.

Year One- The children have been learning about 3D shape names and properties.

Year Two- The children have been building a circuit in DT and have been learning about money in maths.

Year Three- The children have been learning about topographical features in geography.

Year Four- The children have been practicing running stitch to make a seam for their drawstring pouches.

Year Five- The children have been adding and subtracting mixed numbers.

Year Six- The children have been designing their own CAM toys based on WWII.

Homework

At St. Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy, we believe that homework should be a part of our partnership between home and school. We recognise that children who have spent a busy, structured day at school need time to relax and unwind at the end of the afternoon. We are also mindful of the need to encourage children to pursue out-of-school activities such as dancing, sports, music etc. However, we recognise the benefits of homework if this is introduced gradually over the primary years so that children develop as independent learners and are well prepared for secondary school. In addition, this allows children to explore their learning in different ways and present this in their own creative ways.

Any homework will be sent home with children on a Friday. The homework should then be completed and returned to school the following Wednesday. While we encourage all children to complete this as a way of preparing them for secondary school and to support retrieval from learning during the week, we do understand that at times family life is too busy to complete homework. We do not wish to add any additional strain or stress to family life. Therefore, we offer opportunities for children to complete their homework on a Monday or Tuesday lunchtime, if they wish to do so. However, on the rare occasion that children cannot complete their homework, we would encourage parents to write a note in their child's organiser or speak to the office so that the class teacher is aware that the work has not been completed.

If any parents require any support with homework or would like to discuss this further, please contact the school office or speak to your child's teacher who will be more than happy to support with this. A copy of the school's homework policy with more information can be found on the school website.

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 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**

Tuesday 10th February- year 6 and 3 Mass in church at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 11th February- Young Voices Concert- **those involved have been sent a letter with more information**

Thursday 12th February- Years 3 and 4 RE Celebration Assembly at 2:45pm- **parents welcome**

Thursday 12th February- Valentines Disco after school for children in Reception- Year 6 until 5pm- **more information to follow**

Friday 13th February- School Closed to all pupils- INSET DAY

Monday 23rd February- First day of the new term- school open to all pupils

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 **96%** . Attendance has improved again this week. Thank you to all parents for your support.

Reception- 96%

Year 1- 98.7%

Year 2- 92.9%

Year 3- 99%

Year 4- 95.2%

Year 5- 95.2%

Year 6- 97.9%

Well done to year 3 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 Adelyn in year 1 who has achieved her 10m 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. .

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.