

Friday 9th January

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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NEWSLETTER



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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school. It has been a particularly cold week in school and it has been great to see that the children have come dressed in weather appropriate clothing and shoes so that they can enjoy the outdoors. Please can we ask that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name so that they do not go missing.

It has been a quiet week in school as the children have settled back into school and have been thinking about our Behaviour Curriculum and Mission Statement.

A special mention to these events this week:

This week, year 4 led the whole school in prayer in their Celebration of the Word.

On Wednesday, year 6 took part in a healthy eating session led by Bolsover Partnership.

On Friday, year 2 enjoyed their reading cafe with parents.

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 3:13-17

'This is my Son, the Beloved'

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

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils will be meeting with Mrs Seaman and Miss Queenan next week to look at their action plan for the school.

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 29- Aims of Education

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

Nursery- The children have been learning about arctic animals and have been reading, The Gruffalo's Child.

Reception- The children have been learning about seasons and have been subitising to 5.

Year One- The children have been learning how to subtract a number using number lines and ten frames.

Year Two- The children have been looking at prepositional language in English.

Year Three- The children have been using coordinating conjunctions and multiplying by 3.

Year Four- The children have been learning how to use linking adverbs in English.

Year Five- The children have been using semi colons and linking adverbs to join two main clauses.

Year Six- The children have been looking at how they can add relative clauses to a main clause 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 - **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:

Monday 12th January- Years 3-6 will be taking part in a Dementia Friends workshop in school

Tuesday 13th January- **Drama club starts after school- places can be booked on Arbor**

Friday 16th January- Reception Balance Bike Session- **children should come dressed in PE kit to school**

Friday 16th January- Years 1 and 5 church as a chapel at 9:10am in church- **parents welcome**

Friday 16th January- year 3 reading cafe at 8:50 in the school hall- **parents welcome**

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**

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 **97.1%**. Attendance has been great in school this week with improved attendance in every class. Thank you for your support with this. All

children have had attendance letters sent home in the this week with their current attendance to date.

Reception- 96.7%

Year 1- 100%

Year 2- 94.1%

Year 3- 100%

Year 4- 99.5%

Year 5- 98.4%

Year 6- 99%

Well done to year 1 and 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



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.