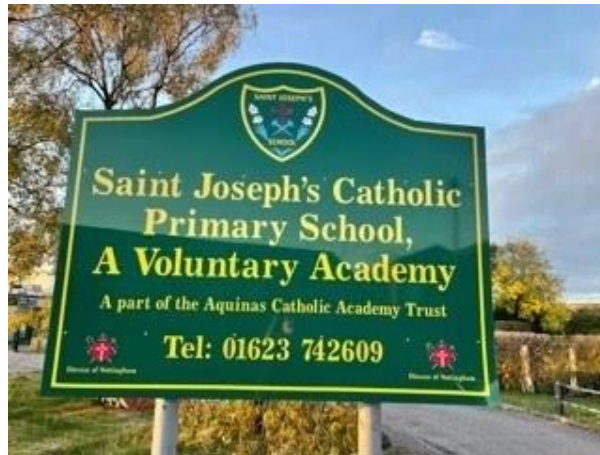


Friday 27th March

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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Last week of term!

We have once again come to the end of a busy and successful term at St Joseph's. It has been such a special term as we journeyed through Lent together and grew closer in our love of Christ. We are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved this term. Some key highlights this week include:

On Tuesday, nursery and reception classes were our final children to go on their Big Lent walk. Any sponsor forms from across school can be returned when we come back from the Easter break and we will announce how much we raised for CAFOD.

On Wednesday, year 4 went swimming and on Thursday and year 5 went to Mansfield Town Football Club.

On Thursday, we had our annual Easter Egg Raffle. This was a great success that all of the children enjoyed. Thank you to all parents who supported this event. As a school we raised £400 which we will use to further enhance our outdoor provision.

On Friday, Year 3 had a lovely reading cafe and years 4 and 5 did a beautiful job demonstrating the events of Holy Week in their Easter Presentation.

When we return from the break, we will be in the celebratory Season of Eastertide and we will be having lots of Easter themed events and activities during this special time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for their support this term. We look forward to continuing to work closely with you when we return to school on 14th April.

Another great week at St Joseph's! We will update Facebook on Sunday 12th March with the events for the first week when we return.

Have a happy and Holy Easter,

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass- Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

Head Pupils



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 we have been thinking about how we all have the right to peace and how we can spread peace in our own lives and how we can pray for those living in war and conflict.

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

Nursery- The children have been learning about the lifecycle of chicks as they prepare to welcome spring

Reception- The children have been making Easter gardens as they reflect on the events of Holy Week

Year One- The children have been retelling the story of Palm Sunday in RE

Year Two- The children have been writing their own version of, 'The Tiger who came to tea' together

Year Three- The children have been writing using dialogue between different characters

Year Four- The children have been learning how the diet affects teeth

Year Five- The children have been busy preparing the Easter Presentation as they learn about the events of Holy Week together

Year Six- The children have been reflecting shapes 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 after the Easter break attached to the newsletter.

Upcoming dates to highlight:

Monday 13th April - INSET DAY- school is closed to all pupils

Tuesday 14th April- All pupils return to school. Please note that pupils may wear summer uniform if the weather improves. Please see the uniform information attached to this newsletter.

Wednesday 15th April- Year 4 and 5 swimming lessons- children come to school dressed in PE kits with their swimming kits

Friday 17th April- Nursery and Reception Church as a Chapel- parents welcome

Friday 17th April- Year 2 Reading Cafe- parents welcome

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

My Place

After Easter, we will be thinking about how certain places make us feel happy and relaxed. We will be thinking about how we all have a place that is special to us. Over the holidays, we

are asking all children to think about their special place and how this makes them feel. On Tuesday 14th April, we will all be sharing our special place. **Children are encouraged to bring in a photograph or a drawing of their place to share with their class on Tuesday 14th April.**

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 **96.4%**.

Reception- 98.3%

Year 1- 95.3%

Year 2- 94.8%

Year 3- 96.8%

Year 4- 96.4%

Year 5- 95.8%

Year 6- 97.9%

Well done to Reception class 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, L- Look. After half term, we will be looking at emotions and how we all have big feelings.

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.