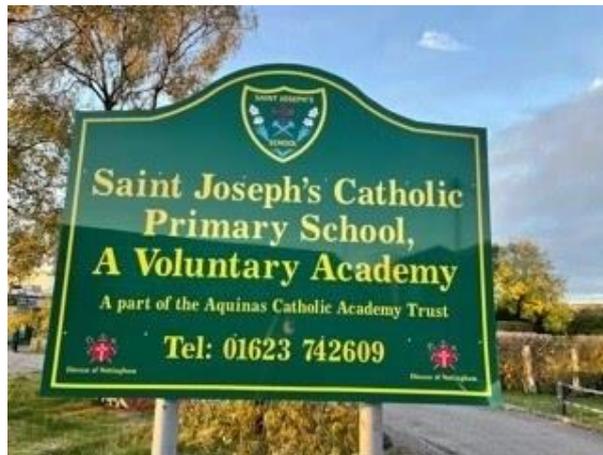


# Friday 6th March

## 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!**

We have enjoyed another wonderful, busy week at St Joseph's.

On Monday, year 5 had a great mini leaders session learning how they can improve their leadership skills.

On Tuesday, year 1 and 2 had a great Big Lent Walk raising money for CAFOD.

On Wednesday, year 4 started their swimming lessons and demonstrated great courage and determination in the pool and year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Tropical Butterfly House.

Reception class had a great visit to Shirebrook Library on Thursday and the whole school enjoyed World Book Day together.

On Friday, EYFS had a lovely reading cafe and it was great to celebrate our children's hard work in the Awards Assembly.

Another great week at St Joseph's! We will update Facebook on Sunday with the events happening next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

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

**John 4:5-42**

**A spring of water welling up to eternal life**

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 our Head Pupils met with Mrs Seaman to talk about their important roles as Attendance Champions and came up with great ideas to promote attendance in school.

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

Nursery- The children have made a class collage about what Lent means to them.

Reception- The children have been writing about different Arctic animals.

Year One- The children have been using ipads in computing to make pieces of art and save them correctly.

Year Two- The children have been learning about the characteristics of the UK in geography.

Year Three- The children have been learning about the Last Supper and how this links to the Eucharist in RE.

Year Four- The children have been learning about the parable of the Prodigal Son and what this teaches us about mercy and forgiveness.

Year Five- The children have been learning about split speech and how to punctuate this correctly in English.

Year Six- The children have been learning about the equivalence of fractions, decimals and percentages.

## 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 9th March- Year 5 visit to Mansfield Museum- **children need to bring a packed lunch**

Tuesday 10th March- Key Stage One and Reception Mass in church at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Tuesday 10th March- year 3 and 4 Big Lent Walk- **letters have been sent with more information**

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March- Parents Evening for all classes- **please complete the booking form and return to school**

Wednesday 11th March- Year 6 visit to Mansfield Town Football Club- **children need to bring a packed lunch**

Thursday 12th March- Year 1 visit to Yorkshire Air Museum- **a letter has been sent with more information**

Thursday 12th March- Nursery visit to Shirebrook Library

Friday 13th March- Year 2 and 6 Church as a chapel at 9am- **parents welcome**

Friday 13th March- Year 5 Reading Cafe- **parents welcome**

Friday 13th March - Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea- **please book your place on Arbor**

**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 **97.9%**. This is the highest attendance we have had in school for a few weeks and would like to thank parents for their support with this.

**Reception- 97%**

**Year 1- 99.3%**

**Year 2- 95.2%**

**Year 3- 96.8%**

**Year 4- 99.7%**

**Year 5- 98.4%**

**Year 6- 98.2%**

**Well done to year 4 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 Teddy in year 1 who achieved his 25m swimming badge this week.

Super work Matilda in year 1 who placed 5th in the Under 5 Girls BSCA Cyclocross Championships and represented St Joseph's.

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.**

## 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.