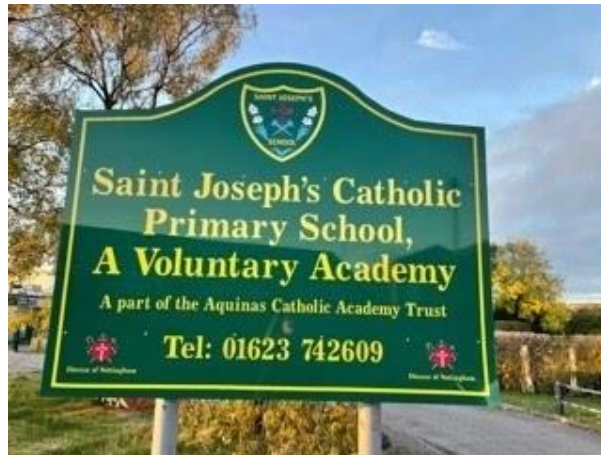


Friday 22nd May

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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This week at St Josephs

Another great week at St Joseph's! I cannot believe that we have come to the end of another busy and successful term in school. After the half term break, we will begin our final term of the academic year.

On Tuesday, years 1 and 4 read in Mass and did a wonderful job sharing their faith.

On Wednesday, year 3 went to Mansfield Town Football club and had a great time exploring the ground.

On Thursday, nursery and reception did a great job showcasing their RE work to parents in church and then had a lovely 'Stay and Play' afternoon. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend.

On Thursday, Aspens led a live cooking workshop for 12 of our families.

On Friday, year 4 had a successful reading cafe and years 1 and 2 shared their RE work in their assembly. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend these events.

Another great week at St Joseph's! We will update Facebook next Sunday with the events for after half term and look forward to seeing all of our children after the break.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass

John 7:37-39

'If any man is thirsty, let him come to me!'

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

If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith or are interested in becoming a Catholic – there is a course starting in September. For more details, please contact Sr Susan – susanpbvm@yahoo.co.uk¹ ; 07751196124

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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).

On Monday, our Head Pupils led the whole school in teaching them about how Unicef support children around the world to ensure that their rights are met. The Head Pupils are busy preparing for our Rights Respecting Accreditation next month.

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

Nursery- The children have been looking at how we can use our Mission Statement in our lives.

Reception- The children have been busy thinking about how we can live like Jesus asked us to.

Year One- The children have been counting to 20 in German and have been learning about the parts of a flower in science.

Year Two- The children have been drawing sea creatures in art based on the work of Melanie Havar.

Year Three- The children have been learning about programming in computing.

Year Four- The children have started their new topic about the Vikings.

Year Five- The children have been identifying different angles in maths.

Year Six- The children have been writing a fiction piece about a girl called Alma.

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 1st June- School will reopen to all pupils.

Tuesday 2nd June- Mass in church at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 3rd June- Year 5 trip to the Coal Mining Museum - **children should come dressed in school uniform**

Wednesday 3rd June- Year 6 trip to the EIS- **children should come dressed in PE kits**

Thursday 4th June- Year 2 visit to Shirebrook Library

Friday 5th June- Class Photographs in school

Friday 5th June- Year 3 reading cafe- **parents welcome**

Friday 5th June- Year 1 and 4 church as a chapel at 9am- **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.

Football Tops

Our Early Years and OPAL team are looking for donations of old football shirts with numbers on the back. They are hoping to create an outdoor number line using the shirts. If any of our families have any unwanted adult or child football shirts with numbers on the back that they would like to donate, please take them to the school office. Thank you for your support with this.

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 **91.7%**. **Attendance has been much lower in some classes due to illness. We are hopeful that this will improve after half term. All children will have an updated attendance letter sent home after half term.**

Reception- 66%

Year 1- 93.1%

Year 2- 96.8%

Year 3- 97.1%

Year 4- 95.2%

Year 5- 93.3%

Year 6- 98.8%

Well done to year 6 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.**

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If your child is absent from school during term time for the purpose of a family holiday or any other unauthorised absence you may be issued with a Penalty Notice.

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 teaching us all how we can R REST. Please find a newsletter with more information attached.

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.