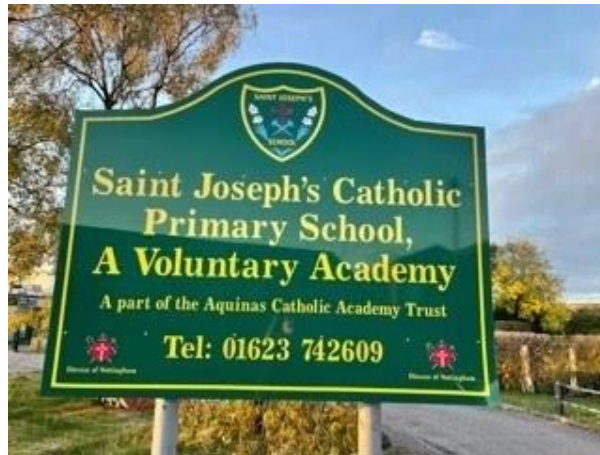


Friday 24th April

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

It has been a wonderful week at St Joseph's and it has been great to get some sunshine!

On Wednesday, we had a great Earth Day in school celebrating God's beautiful creation and thinking of ways we can be stewards and care for the world.

On Thursday, year 2 did a wonderful job leading the whole school in prayer in their Celebration of the Word.

We enjoyed Movie Night in school on Thursday. A special thanks to our PTA, Friends of St Joseph, for organising the snack bags for the event.

Today, year 5 and year 1 did a great job in church leading prayers based on Faith and nursery have had their first Forest Schools Session.

Finally, nursery and reception had a great reading cafe in the school hall this morning sharing some wonderful stories with their families.

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

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass

John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold

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).

Starting on Monday, our Head Pupils will be teaching the whole school about how rights are lived out around the world.

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

Nursery- The children have been exploring dinosaurs learning about herbivore and carnivores

Reception- The children have been writing postcards to dinosaurs and have been counting patterns to 20 and beyond

Year One- The children have been learning about people who are special to us

Year Two- The children have been looking at art work by Melanie Hava and have been learning about coastlines

Year Three- The children have been adding and subtracting unit fractions in maths

Year Four- The children have been making Anglo Saxon crosses from clay

Year Five- The children have been rounding to whole numbers and to 1 decimal place

Year Six- The children have been learning about angles including using a protractor and calculating angles in a triangle and on a straight line

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 28th April- Year 6 visit to Derby University- **children need to come dressed in school uniform with a packed lunch**

Wednesday 29th April- photographer in school for website photography- **please note that PE may change for some classes on this day- please see update on Facebook**

Thursday 30th April- Easter Celebration in school- we will be celebrating the season of Eastertide in school

Friday 1st May- Coffee Afternoon in school at 2:30pm- **parents welcome**

Monday 4th May- Bank Holiday Monday- **school closed for all pupils**

Wednesday 6th May- Year 2 visit to Mansfield Town Football Club- **children should come dressed in PE kit**

Friday 8th May- Year 3 and 4 church as a chapel at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Friday 8th May- year 1 reading cafe at 8:50- **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 **95.1%**. Attendance is a little lower across school this week. We are hopeful that this will improve next week.

Reception- **92.3%**

Year 1- **98.3%**

Year 2- **95.8%**

Year 3- **94.2%**

Year 4- **93.3%**

Year 5- **92.6%**

Year 6- **99.4%**

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.**

Children's Achievements



Well done to Luca in year 2 who did a great job as goalkeeper this week helping his team to win 1-0!

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 thinking about how we can use this to support our mental health across 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.