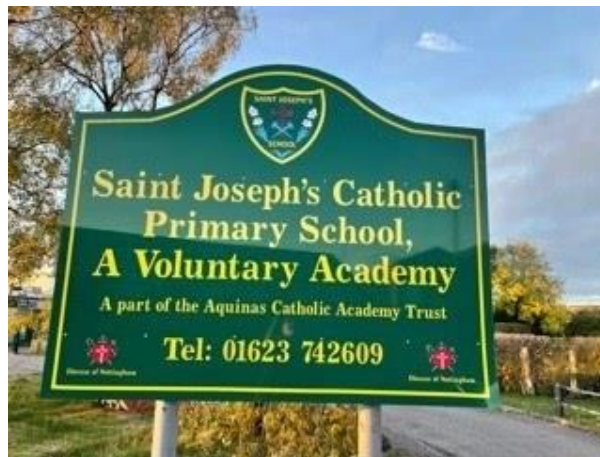


Friday 17th July

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 busy, exciting week at St Joseph's. We cannot believe how quickly the term is flying past with only one week to go!

On Tuesday, all of our children enjoyed 'break the rules' day. It was really good to see how creative the children were and we raised over £300 to spend on our outdoor play provision.

This week, year 4, 5 and 6 did a wonderful job presenting, Robin Hood. It was great to see how confidently the children performed.

On Friday, nursery and reception did a wonderful job leading prayers in the church based on the word, gratitude and year 6 enjoyed a fantastic pizza making workshop.

We ended an incredibly busy week with our annual colour run.

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

Bikes

It is great to see that so many of our children are walking or riding their bikes to school. Not only does this improve their fitness and expose them to morning light, it also cares for our common home by reducing pollution. Well done children. A reminder that if children are riding bikes or scooters that they should be wearing a helmet to ensure that they are safe. Thank you for your support with this.

This weekend in Mass

Matthew 13:24-43

Let them both grow till the harvest

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

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).

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded GOLD!

Our Head Pupils are busy shortlisting our applications for our New Head Pupils who will be announced next week.

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

Nursery- The children have been growing plants and enjoyed their transition visits to reception class.

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Reception- The children have been learning about the human life cycle and about subtraction.

Year One- The children have been finding missing numbers in maths and have been making clay mosaics in art.

Year Two- The children have been making a beach buggy in DT and looking at position and direction in maths.

Year Three- The children have been looking at the features of Roman sandals in DT and have been learning about personal pronouns in English.

Year Four- The children have been learning about decimals in maths and have been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.

Year Five- The children have been writing balanced arguments on whether Shirebrook Colliery should have closed.

Year Six- The children enjoyed their pizza workshop and did a wonderful job performing Robin Hood.

Next Week at St Joseph's

The word of the week next week is Celebration. A few key dates for next week:

Tuesday:

2pm- Leavers' Mass- year 6 will be reading in Mass in church to celebrate their time at St Joseph's- parents welcome

Wednesday:

2pm- Leavers' Assembly in the school hall- year 6 children will be leading a celebration assembly reflecting on their time at St Joseph's- parents welcome

Thursday:

Year 6 celebration visit

5pm- end of year disco for reception- year 6 in the school hall- please book your child's ticket on Arbor

Friday:

Last day of the school year- we will have a visit from the Ice Cream van and all children can enjoy a free ice cream to thank them for such an amazing year.

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 21st July at 2pm- Year 6 Leavers' Mass in Church

Wednesday 22nd July at 2pm- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall- year 6 parents welcome

Thursday 23rd July 5pm-6pm- School Disco. Please book your places on Arbor

Friday 24th July- Last Day of term- there will be an ice cream van visiting school as a treat for all children to celebrate the end of a very successful year.

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.

New Breakfast Club



We are delighted to announce that from 3rd September, we are launching our new breakfast club provision in school.

Nursery: 7:45- 8:30 breakfast club- **£2.50**

Reception- year 6: 7:30- 8:00 paid breakfast club - **£1.50**

Reception- year 6: 8:00- 8:30 **free breakfast club provision**

Last entry to all breakfast clubs will be 8:15am and spaces must be booked on Arbor by 1pm on the day before the required club. Please note that as there will be no member of staff on the door at this time, all children must be escorted to breakfast club and signed in. **Children should not walk themselves onto school site for the breakfast club.** The new breakfast clubs will include lots of exciting activities and will include a wide range of healthy hot and cold food options.

In preparation for the new breakfast club arrangements in September, we are going to have a trial week for the final week of term. Therefore, for the week 20th July, we will be following the above timings and costings. **If you would like your child to attend, please book on Arbor by 1pm the day before the club is required.**

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is **95.2 %**.

Reception- 92.7%

Year 1- 97.6%

Year 2- 92.9%

Year 3- 93.2%

Year 4- 98.5%

Year 5- 92.3%

Year 6- 97.6%

Well done to year 4 who have won our attendance award AGAIN 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



Well done to Daria in year 6 who achieved grade 1 with distinction in her piano exam this week

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 use S SUPPORT.

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.