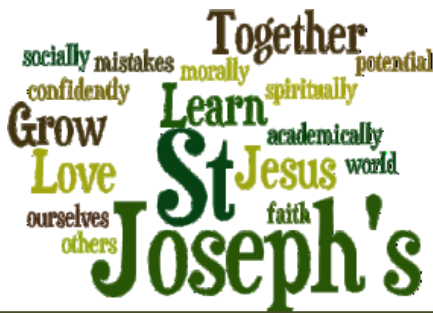


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for
Sunday 15th October
28th Sunday in Ordinary time
Matthew 22:1-14



Head Pupils' message

The school community gathered together on Monday morning for a special assembly to celebrate the harvest Festival. Each child contributed food and the Faith Leaders led our worship. They shared the story of 'The King and the Seed,' by Eric Maddern, a tale of a king who, growing old, decided to hold a contest to find an heir for his throne. One boy, William, was determined to become the king so tried and tried to grow his seed, but to no avail. Even after careful watering and placing it in the sun it did not grow. When the judgement day came, William was the only person to have no life in his seed, which pleased the King, as he had known all along that the seeds would not grow and all the other competitors had been dishonest. Jesus told us, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10

Harvest time is a time when we are trusted to help and think about others. Mrs Jacobson joined us to talk to us about the London and Slough Run—the importance of sharing and thinking of others. Her stories of the how the homeless people, who receive these basic gifts of food (in a goody bag), are grateful and thankful, reminded us all of the thanks that we should give at Harvest time. Thanks to God for the wonderful world in which we live and the importance of saying thank you!

Harvey and Evie (Year 6)

Housepoints this week (Running totals)

St David 56 (230)

St George 61 (200)

St Patrick 61 (222)

St Andrew 74 (269)

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance—Week Ending 13th October 2023

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	94.7	RB	92.7
1JB	93.8	1EB	98.4
2E	96.0	2F	95.5
3GF	93.8	3B	89.0
4D	95.6	4H	97.8
5G	84.6	5C	97.7
6W	98.6	6MT	96.7

Attendance Goodie Bag

100% for Week Ending 13.10. 2023

Well done to Hayden Philips, who won our attendance goodie bag this week, for achieving 100% attendance!

Our highest class attendance this week was 6W with 98.6%. They will have additional play this week.

Well done!



Whole School Attendance figure this week...

94.2%

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Parents' Evenings take place on Wednesday 18th October between 3.30—6.30pm

And Thursday 19th October between 4.00—7.00pm

We look forward to welcoming you.

***Please remember—after school clubs (teacher led) will not run on these evenings.
(Sewing, Drumming, Typing, Netball)***

Playground Play Equipment

*Please ensure that your child remains with you whilst on the school premises, at drop off and pick up times. **Children are not allowed to mount the play equipment, trim trails or the gym at the start or the end of the day.***

Your child has been reminded of this in assembly but please speak to your child so that this message can be reinforced at home.

Lost uniform

A number of parents have expressed concern that lost items are not being re-united with their owners. Please check the school uniform you have at home to ensure your child has not brought items home by mistake.

Every effort is made to ensure items are returned to children and this is made so much easier when EVERY item is clearly named.

Drop off

Despite reminders, children are still being left unattended at the school gates from eight o'clock onwards. The school gates do not open until 8.30am and pupils must not be left unsupervised prior to this time.

Vehicles must not drive up the wrong side of the road.

No vehicle should enter the school grounds until after 8.30am. Parents must not park unless they have a blue badge or prior permission from the Headteacher.

Additionally, if your child is late for school you are expected to park outside of the school gates and accompany your child to the school office to sign in.

School staff have been reminded that they are not permitted to open the school gates for parents arriving late.

Please work with us to ensure that we all safeguard the children and do not leave them vulnerable.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION



Over the past few years, we have been using Twitter as our main social media platform for sharing information about life at St Joseph's. We are extremely proud of what we do here in school and have enjoyed sharing snippets of daily school life with you, as well as school achievements and other updates. Giving permission for your child to feature on our social media profiles means that we are able to share their class activities with you, share updates from school trips and residentials, as well as praise and celebrate any personal achievements they have had such as awards and certificates. We have appreciated your engagement with our posts thus far and have listened to valuable feedback from parents, leading us to set up a **Facebook & Instagram** page to reach more of our school community.

Please [click](#) here to update your permissions.



Children in Years 1-2 have now been re-assessed and re-grouped for the remainder of the Advent Term. You will have received a letter in the book bag to indicate the group level that your child is working at. In order to progress through the scheme children need to develop a range of reading skills: not only recognition of letter sounds (indicated in the letter for their group), but also the ability to blend these sounds into words confidently, read words speedily and have a sound grasp of red (not decodable words for the level they are working at) words. At the higher levels of the scheme children need to be able to read passages fluently with prosody and speed while gaining meaning from the text.

After working on a book for three sessions in school—the book that has been read will go home in the book bag, along with an unfamiliar book at the same level. Both of these books should be read daily at home—the same book will go home daily for a number of days and the idea is that this should be a fluent and easy read for the child. Overlearning and over exposure is a key part of this programme and a key part of securing phonic knowledge, so please do not be put off by thinking the children should have books they struggle with. They will be learning the next set of sounds in school—getting ready to move to the next colour. Please make sure that after reading at home you return the book bag to their school bag as we will capitalise on as much time as possible to read with the children in school time. In addition to the RWInc books the children will have a reading for pleasure library book to share with you. The idea is that you read this book to them—so they develop a love of story and have the opportunity to listen to competent readers reading to them, to develop their ability to read with expression, intonation and hear stories with a ‘story teller voice’. Please read other books you have at home or from the library with them in addition to this—and record all reading in the reading record. There should be a record of reading in there daily.

Once a three– day cycle has been completed books will be changed. Please allow that there are times where different activities take place in school, e.g. special assemblies, Masses, visits etc and this may mean that the RWInc sessions are slightly knocked out and hence it might be that the books are not changed until a fourth day. It is important that the children also have these additional experiences.

We will move the children onto the next level at the appropriate time for them and do spend the time looking at each assessment and each child, ensuring that the group they go into is the correct group. If rapid progress is seen we do re-test some individuals mid cycle and adjust these groups and do not wait for the next assessment point. Phonics is not a race to reach the end of the programme but rather it is vital to secure this knowledge at this early stage of education for each child, so that they have very firm foundations on which to build their reading and are able to access the wider curriculum which is so dependent on good reading skills.

Please see the RWInc section of the school website that has resources to support the programme which you can access at home.

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Parental Contact

Every Tuesday from 3-3.30pm, you are able to visit the classroom of your child, look at their books and speak with the class teacher. If you need to speak with the teacher at any point during the week, please email the school office and staff will get back to you at an available time.

Class Champions/ Rainbow Awards

During our celebration assembly we recognise the achievements of the children in each class, who have displayed the qualities of their class saint or have shown our learning characteristics during the week.

Well done to our Class Champion Winners

Year 1 Kane / Jesse

Year 2 Sayumdee / Teddie Mills

Year 3 Cassie

Year 4 Janasprha / Jaiya

Year 5 Joseph / Jake

Year 6 Conor / Pamina

Well done to our Rainbow Award Winners

Year 2 Reeva / Reese

Year 3 Jessica

Year 4 Clark

Year 5 Danylo /Alisa

Year 6 Evie / Kareem

***Have a lovely weekend -
St. Joseph's School***

