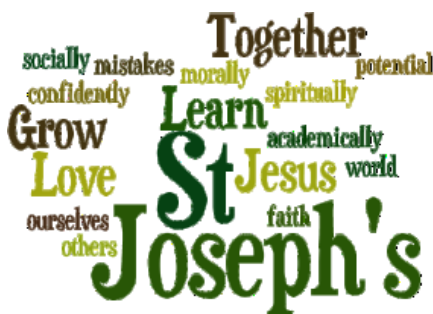


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for
Sunday 17th September
24th Sunday in Ordinary time
Matthew 18:21-35*



Headteacher's message

In St Matthew's Gospel last Sunday we listened to the words of Jesus as he said: **"Where two or three meet in my name, I shall there be there with them."** (Matthew 18:20) By attending St Joseph's Catholic School we have the privilege of being in God's loving presence every day—displaying this in the way that we behave and treat others. How wonderful to know that this will have a positive effect upon the world, making it a better place. Last Sunday, 'Education Sunday,' I reflected on the purpose of Catholic Education, developing the whole person, your child, in the image of God: Loving, kind, forgiving, supportive. Just as we build a relationship with God to improve our lives, we build a partnership with you to ensure that your child receives the very best start in their lives, the very best education.

It was so wonderful therefore to welcome so many parents to our 'Meet the teacher' presentations this week. We shared the outline of your child's curriculum for the forthcoming year and provided information which will enable you to stay fully informed about your child's schooling. These presentations can be found on the school website in the year group page. Mrs Smith, our Attendance Officer joined us at the meeting to outline the policy and procedures regarding attendance and shared with parents the ways that you can support your child for better attendance at school. We know the importance of good attendance and the strong correlation between good attendance and good academic results. We want the very best for your child, and building a strong partnership with you is an investment that we are keen to develop here at St Joseph's. Please support us by attending events and information evenings that will help your child. Next week we will have our final presentation, the 'EYFS Meet the Teacher' presentation, on Monday 18th September at 2.15pm or 6.30pm.

Housepoints

St David

St George

St Patrick

St Andrew

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	90.7	RB	92.05
1JB	86.7	1EB	94.4
2E	95.0	2F	97.2
3GF	99.2	3B	93.8
4D	95.6	4H	97.8
5G	96.6	5C	99.2
6W	95.2	6MT	97.8

Attendance Goodie Bag

100% for Week 11.09.2023

*Well done to Ethan who won our
attendance goodie bag last week,
for achieving
100% attendance!*

Attendance Goodie Bag

100% for Week 18.09.2023

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

Whole School Attendance figure this week...

94.6%

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Parents on site in the morning.

*Commencing Monday, 16th September, **ONLY** parents of Pre-School, Reception and Year 1 pupils will be permitted to accompany children onto the school site. Children in all other years groups will access school independently.*

Parking

Please be aware that parking on the school site is for members of staff only or those who have a blue badge/permission from the Headteacher. Please do not park on the premises. If you are a blue badge holder please inform the school office.

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.

Diary / Weekly Newsletter Communication

Please ensure that you check the school diary regularly as we are continually updating with new events. The weekly newsletter will also provide important updates and messages pertaining to the week ahead.

Treats/Birthdays

With a growing number of children developing food allergies and intolerances, we will not allow any food products to be given out to classes for a celebration, such as a birthday. We also will not distribute birthday invitations, so please do not ask staff to do so.

*Please remember we are a **nut free** school. Packed lunches must not contain any products containing nuts (e.g. Nutella).*

Date for Meet the Teacher

Monday 18th September : Early Years

All at 2.15 to 3.00pm or 6.30 to 7.15pm in the Key Stage 2 Hall

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

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

During our celebration assembly on Friday, 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 champions / rainbow award winners from this week.



Have a lovely weekend - St. Joseph's School