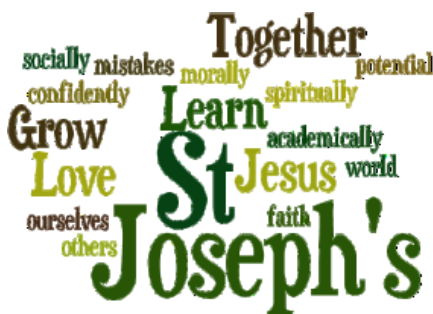


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for
Sunday 24th September
25th Sunday in Ordinary time
Matthew 20:1-16A*



Headteacher's message

The golden rule of 'Love one another' John 13:34 was the theme of our assembly this week. Arguing, being unkind and saying hurtful things can create a gap between us and others. It is hard to love someone when they have hurt you and we have all experienced this. What then, is Jesus' advice for us? In Matthew 18:21 we find the answer—we should keep forgiving, but this can be hard!

Throughout history there are people who can inspire us—people who have shown forgiveness and one such person is Pope John Paul II. On the 13th May 1981, in St Peter's Square, as Pope John Paul II was passing through the crowd on his Popemobile, four shots were fired. Two shots hit the Pope and he collapsed. He was rushed to hospital where he underwent surgery for five hours to save his life.

Mehmet Ali Agca, the man who had pulled the trigger was swiftly arrested and received a life sentence for his actions. On 27th December 1983, Pope John Paul II visited Mehmet Ali Agca in prison. The Pope had already forgiven him—he did this from his hospital bed four days after he was shot, but on his visit to the prison, he sat with Mehmet, talked and reconciled. Pope John Paul II displayed true forgiveness and displayed the messages that Jesus wants us all to live out—"forgive your brother or sister from your heart." (Matthew 18:35) In order to develop a closer relationship with God we need to develop our relationships with each other. We may not make the right choice every time, but we can, correct the wrong and make amends.



Housepoints

St David 48

St George 52

St Patrick 48

St Andrew 77

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	95.9	RB	94.7
1JB	89.2	1EB	92.4
2E	92.0	2F	99.3
3GF	90.4	3B	89.0
4D	98.5	4H	95.2
5G	99.2	5C	100
6W	96.9	6MT	97.0

Attendance Goodie Bag

100% for Week 22.09.2023

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



Whole School Attendance figure this week...

94.5%

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Parents on site in the morning.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK

*Commencing Monday, 25th September, **ONLY** parents of **Pre-School** and **Reception** 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.

Residents

We have worked hard to develop positive relationships with the residents on Priory Road and the surrounding roads. We ask that you please think before you park, ensuring that you do not park inconsiderably or hinder emergency vehicles from entering the school premises or surrounding area. Could we also ask that you ensure that your child is not entering residents' front gardens and remains with you as you walk to and from school. Thank you.

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).*

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Read Write Inc

The children are settling really well into phonics in Reception and making fantastic early progress. Thank you to parents for your engagement with the programme. Developing early sound knowledge ensures great progress and attainment as children move through their education.

Year 1-2 have been going back over their prior learning and recapping on all the RWInc strategies and various parts to the lessons, as well as reading their first books in school.

Next week Mrs Barugh (our RWInc Co-ordinator) will commence re-testing of Years 1-2, so that the children are re-sorted into their new groups. Once these groups are established the children will begin to bring home their Read Write Inc books and further reading for pleasure books. In the meantime—please ensure that the children are engaging with reading books, either reading independently to you, listening to you read or jointly sharing with you. Some reading activity should be recorded in their reading records.

On Thursday evening (28th September) Mrs Barugh and Miss Whelan will be holding two workshops:

6.00-7.00—this workshop is for Reception to Year 2 parents of children who are following Read Write Inc.

7.00-8.00 will be for parents whose children are likely to come off the phonics programme in the early part of this academic year, so that we can familiarise you with the reading programme the children will follow after phonics. We will let parents who should attend this session know in advance.

If you do not hear from us—this means that you should attend the first Read Write Inc Session 6.00-7.00. We will re-run the later session at a further point in the year—when it will be appropriate for the next group of children.

Reading is at the foundation of all learning—please make every effort to attend the session so that you are equipped to support your child with developing their early reading skills.

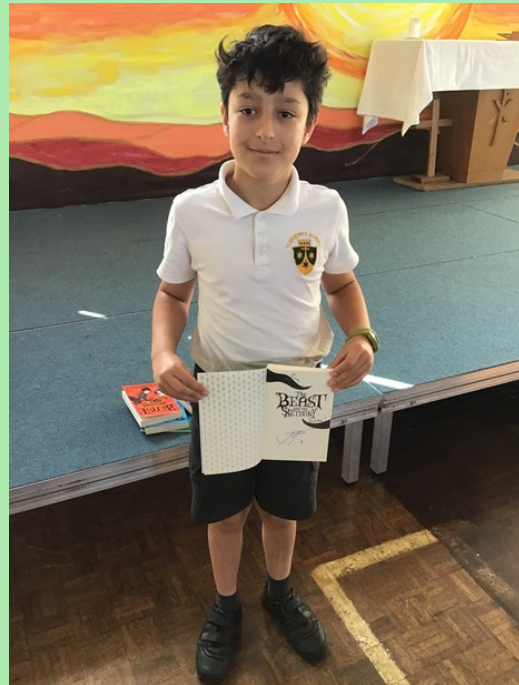
We do ask that you do not bring the children to these sessions as this is often a distraction and makes it difficult for all parents to fully engage and be able to listen to this vital information.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Jack Meggitt- Phillips

Story Writing Workshop

This morning, Key Stage 2 had a very engaging visit from Jack, an author. The children wrote their own stories and learned how to make their writing even more exciting!



If you would still like to buy a signed copy of Jack's book then the link will reactivate at 6pm on 22nd September.

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Parental Contact

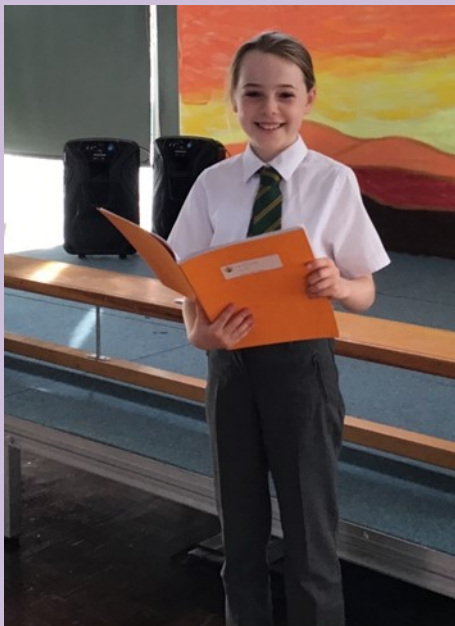
Every Tuesday from 3-3.30pm, you are able to visit the classroom of your child, look at their books and speak with the class teacher. If you need to speak with the teacher at any point during the week, please email the school office and staff will get back to you at an available time.

Class Champions

During our celebration assembly today we recognised 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 and rainbow award winners from this week.



STCAT employee of the month

We were delighted to present Miss Edwards with our academy trust employee of the month award today. This award goes to a member of staff across all the trust schools, who has been nominated for showing dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to their role. This is most certainly the description we would give to Miss Edwards!



During our teacher planning time—KS2 have a free writing session. This is a time where they have a writing stimulus (such as a picture, a film clip, an artefact etc.) and are able to write about it in a genre of their choice.

These sessions begin with a class discussion, then a sharing of key vocab and phrases and finally some ideas to get started with writing. After the children have written, they have time for editing and sharing and the very best pieces are brought to the key stage celebration assembly. Evie shared her writing this week and we were all inspired at how she wrote about the picture stimulus from the perspective of a leaf. Well done Evie — our writer of the week!



Sporting achievements from Jacques

It is always a delight to hear about the wonderful things our children achieve in their life outside of school. They have the opportunity to share these as part of the Friday celebration assembly.

At the end of July, Jacques took part in the Wessex Young Athletes U11 Quad kids competition, where he competed in the long jump, howler, 75m sprint and 600m. This event was held in Abingdon, in Oxfordshire and competitors came from all over the South of England. We are thrilled that Jacques came 1st overall out of 42 boys. Well done on this amazing achievement Jacques!

Jacques has gone on to be take part in the Chiltern and South Bucks District U11 Football Trials and we are thrilled to report that he has been selected for the district team. We look forward to updates on how the team does during the season.

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