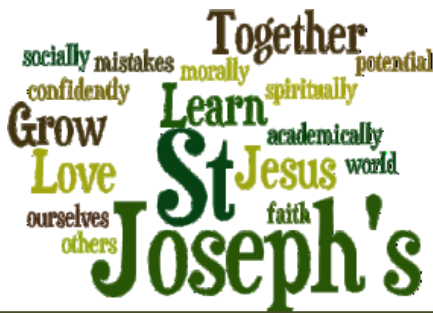


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for
Sunday 8th October
27th Sunday in Ordinary time
Matthew 21: 33-43*



Headteacher's message

'Actions speak louder than words' was the theme of our assembly this week. The Gospel last Sunday told us the story of two boys who replied to their father's request in very different ways.

One son said yes but did not fulfil the request, whilst the other said no and after reflecting, changed his mind and did what the father asked. How does the story in Matthew 21:21 impact us today? We know that rather than talk about all the good deeds we can do, we should just carry these out. We also acknowledged that there are many times when we can over promise and under deliver, but we need to remember that our actions can show love to those around us and this is the mission that God has given to each one of us.

Our mission this week was to think carefully about how we speak and act towards each other. We know that each one of us has the responsibility to model this behaviour for others to see and copy. It is therefore with sadness that I must remind some members of our community that harsh words and aggressive tones will not be tolerated at St Joseph's Primary School. The 'STCAT Unacceptable behaviour on the school premises policy' outlines the behaviours which are unacceptable: shouting, aggressive or insulting language to name a few. Please think carefully before writing an aggressive message, email or leaving a voicemail. Our hope is that each one of our pupils will deal successfully with the challenges that they will undoubtedly face and in a way that ensures we carry the mission we are asked to fulfil- 'Love one another' (John 13:34)

<https://www.stcat.co.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/STCAT-Unacceptable-behaviour-on-the-schools-premises-Nov-2021-1.pdf>

Housepoints this week (Running totals)

St David 83 (174)

St George 57 (139)

St Patrick 87 (161)

St Andrew 82 (195)

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance—Week Ending 6th October 2023

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	90.0	RB	90.7
1JB	90.0	1EB	97.6
2E	94.0	2F	96.5
3GF	100	3B	89.4
4D	97.8	4H	94.8
5G	95.8	5C	98.5
6W	97.9	6MT	100

Attendance Goodie Bag

100% for Week 09.10. 2023

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

Two classes this week achieved 100% - 3GF and 6MT will have additional play this week with juice and biscuits as a treat. Well done!



Whole School Attendance figure this week...

94.6%

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Please see the flyer below—it would be greatly appreciated if the children could bring in one of the items listed to support this cause as part of our Harvest Festival



The LONDON and SLOUGH RUN Helping the homeless and people in need

Founded by Phyllis Wallbank MBE, Trustee Emeritus

HARVEST FESTIVAL

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023

The London and Slough Run supports the homeless and people in need. Every week it distributes food and drink to homeless people on the streets. Donations of the following foodstuffs are very much appreciated:



Small individual cartons of orange or apple juice (no cans or fizzy drinks please) **Reception**

Packets of individually wrapped cakes **Year 1**

Small chocolate biscuit bars (such as two fingered kit-kats, penguins, rockys, club biscuit bars, etc) **Year 2**

Multi-packs of individual bags of crisps **Year 3**

Bananas or satsumas **Year 4**

Jars of peanut butter, marmite or jam (for sandwiches) **Year 5**

Boxes of teabags, jars of coffee, bags of sugar **Year 6**

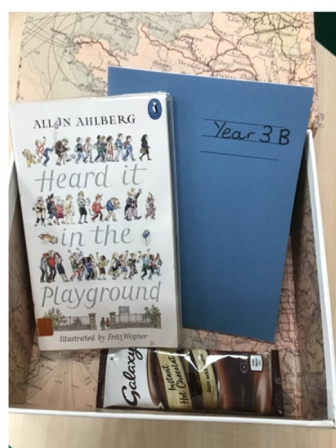
Thank you for your generosity

WEBSITE: www.the london and slough run .com

EMAIL: admin@thelongdonandsloughrun.org

National Poetry Day – Thursday 5th October

The whole school was filled with nursery rhymes and poems this week! The children had lots of fun learning new poems and in KS1 there was lots of acting them out too.



Each class was given their poetry box yesterday and will be taking turns to bring it home to share a poem of their choice.



SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Parents on site in the morning.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us in making such a prompt start to our mornings and ensuring that the children develop their independence.

A gentle reminder—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. Please do not be offended when a member of staff reminds you of this.

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

A number of adults have notified us that pupils are being left at the front gate unattended in the morning from eight o'clock onwards. The gates will open at 8.30am—no pupil should be left alone before this time.

Under no circumstances should children be left unattended either at the gate, just inside on the turning circle or at the gate into the playground.

Staff are not supervising until 8.30am and hence the children are not under our care until staff arrive to let the children into the school.

Parents should not be driving onto the school grounds until 8.30am—when the main gate is supervised by a member of staff, unless you are dropping children at Busy Living. A gentle reminder that Busy Living parking is in the top car park—please do not use the car park outside the main school office.

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.

Pupil Leadership News



Pupil Leadership Team attended the annual diocese school Mass today at St Mary's in Dunstable. It was wonderful to be part of such a special occasion along with all the other schools in the Northampton Diocese. During Mass the children were commissioned as leaders in our school and received a special letter from the Bishop—which we will give out in assembly on Monday. We were accompanied by a very special member of our school community — Reception and KS1 children should be able to tell you all about this very special green creature.



was a great representative of the school also, with his perfect manners and behaviour, although he was exhausted at the end of the day!



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/ Rainbow Awards

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 Champion Winners

Year 1

Conor and Jude

Year 2

Imogen and Michael

Year 3

Brooke and Reagan

Year 4

Evie and Cecille

Year 5

Jeevan and Luke

Year 6

Liliana and Daniel

Well done to our Rainbow Award Winners

Year 2

Kian and William

Year 3

Georgina

Year 4

Daisy

Year 6

Sebastian and George

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

