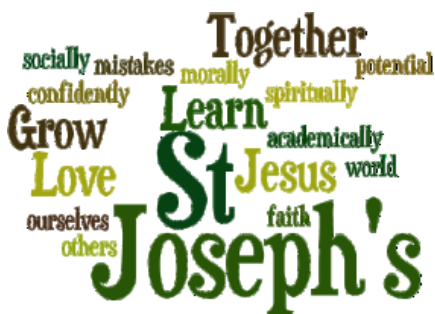


12th January 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for

Sunday 14th January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

John 1:35-42



Headteacher's message

This week began with us coming together as a community to celebrate our New Year Mass, where we heard about John the Baptist. John wore clothes made of camel's hair and ate locusts and wild honey. He told many people, "The One that comes after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough to even bend down and untie his sandals. I baptise you with water, but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit!" He was of course speaking about Jesus. The Scripture we heard told us about the revelations of Jesus' Baptism.

Later in week Open the Book came to do our fortnightly assembly based on a Biblical Passage. This week the team, with the help of some Year 6 pupils, told us and performed the Epiphany—the Wise Men coming to visit Jesus. At the end of the assembly we reflected on all the people who help us to be wise and we prayed for those at school and at home who support us as we develop wisdom.

Harvey + Evie (Head Pupils)

Thank you to all those parents who attended our workshop on Thursday evening, which was delivered by Ten-Ten, addressing the topic of how to speak to your child about pornography. It was wonderful to have so many parents attend. The presentation was extremely informative as well as quite shocking, regarding how easily children are inadvertently exposed to inappropriate images through technology at very young ages. Ten-Ten is our new PSHE programme and we would urge all parents to attend our up and coming workshop on this important area of the curriculum on Friday 26th January 9.00am. This will ensure that you are aware of the topics and materials covered and are in a position to have discussions with your children about the personal learning topics we cover at school.

Housepoints this week

St David 82 (123)

St George 86 (136)

St Patrick 89 (146)

St Andrew 66 (104)

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance—Week Ending 12th January 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	96.6	RB	97.9
1JB	90.9	1EB	92.4
2E	96.9	2F	94.3
3GF	94.2	3SD	93.5
4D	88.9	4H	98.5
5G	97.0	5C	96.8
6W	89.7	6MT	93.6

Attendance Goodie Bag

Our draw for the weekly attendance goody bag for last week and this week went to

Rowan Van Duyvenbode

Jibin Heaven

Our highest class attendance this week was

4H with 98.5%

They will have additional play next week! Well done!

Whole School Attendance figure this week...

94.9%

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Parking

Please be reminded that Parking is not permitted on school grounds unless you have a 'Blue Badge' or specific permission from the Headteacher. Parents escorting children into Pre-school or Reception classes should park and walk children into school.

Please use the Church car park (do not park on the school road) to avoid congestion on Priory Road. Emergency vehicles **MUST** be able to gain access to residents and the school at all times.

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.

Please allow 48 hours to receive a reply to emails.

End of the School Day

Please ensure that children remain supervised at the end of the school day. Children are not permitted to play within the Forest School, on the playgrounds or play equipment. Please ensure that you leave the school grounds promptly once you have collected your children.

Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.

Social Media

Make sure that you keep up to date with all the wonderful and interesting things we are doing in school by regularly checking in to facebook / twitter (X).

There is now so much information on our social media platforms and Miss Minoli is adding new things all the time.

You can even get to have a look at our teachers trying to be rockstars or Vikings!

FOLLOW US



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SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

School Football Hut

The St Joseph's Football Club have set up a [GoFundMe](#) page to support the repair of the new football hut damaged in the recent high winds.

Please donate if you can.

Su (a pupil in Year 6) approached the SLT before Christmas asking if she could do some fundraising for cancer research. Over the next fortnight Su will be fundraising for this charity—please see her information below:

I would like to do something to give back to society. Every year on 25th December, I get gifts which I really longed for the whole year. This year, I felt that I should make an attempt to give, just like Santa gives to us all. Hence, I would like to sell bracelets in order to raise money for cancer research. All bracelets are handmade with love and care. I will be doing this for the next two weeks at the stationery shop in KS1 Hall (8.30am each morning). Please help me to raise money for this worthy cause.

Beaded bracelets 50p each

Loom band bracelets 80p each.

Thank you SU



Schoolcomms

Schoolgateway

School Gateway App

Communications from school are sent to you via

Schoolgateway

However, to ensure text messages are received, you must download the schoolgateway App

Once you have downloaded the App you will be asked to enter your email address and mobile phone number that you have set up for school.

A PIN number will be sent to you.

Text messages will appear via this App.

Essential Equipment List

Please can parents have a check this weekend to ensure that your child has all the correct stationery they need for learning.

Please see the list of essential equipment below —all of which are available from the school stationery shop.

We have just had a restock and the shop is open at the KS1 Hall door at 8.30am each morning.



Pritt Stick Glue	£1.50
Highlighter	£1
Sharpener	70p / 30p
Ruler	50p
Eraser	30p
Handwriting Pen	£1
Pencil	30p
Purple Pen	50p

Essential Equipment List

- 2-3 hb pencils
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- ruler (30cm) non-foldable
- small selection of colouring pencils
- a glue stick
- dry wipe marker
- white board eraser
- purple pen (KS2)
- highlighter (KS2)

Reminder—pencil cases should be small / plain (not smuggle or oversized) as these do not fit in the pupil's trays and often cause a distraction from learning.

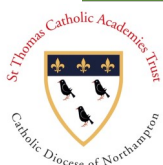
Parent Workshops this half term

Date	Workshop	Who should attend
Thursday 18 th January 6.30pm	Read Write Inc Phonics	Reception parents Please make every effort to attend so that you have a clear understanding of how to support your child at home.
Friday 19 th January 9.00am	Accelerated Reader Workshop	Selected parents in Year 2 (children who were in Grey RWInc group before Christmas) - who were unable to attend the last session about Accelerated Reader Parents of children in Yr3-Yr6 who would like to be familiarised with the system we use for reading.
Friday 26 th January 9.00am	Ten Ten Life to the Full workshop – An introduction to Relationships and Sex Education and our new PSHE scheme.	Reception – Year 6.
Friday 2 nd February 9.00am	Preparing for the Multiplication Timestables Check	Parents of children in Years 3-4.

St. Joseph's School Prayer

Our School Prayer

St. Joseph's is our school.
 Teach us Lord, to Love, Learn and Grow together.
 Just as you guided your beloved son, Jesus.
 Open our hearts to your plans for us and
 Show us your path to follow.
 Each day, help us to feel your presence among us,
 Protecting us on our journey.
 Holy Spirit be with us.
 St. Joseph pray for us. Amen



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

