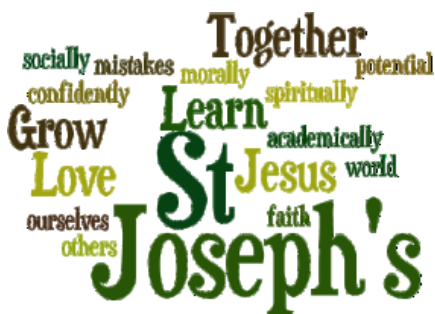


19th January 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for

Sunday 21st January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mark 1:14-20



Pupil Leadership message

This week on Monday we had a fantastic PSHE day. Reception and Years 1,2,3 and 4 learnt a lot about personal relationships and different ways to respect other people around us. In Year 5 and Year 6 we learnt about different types of abuse and particularly how drugs can affect our physical and mental health. Before we went home we all gathered in the hall to share what we did during the day with the rest of the school. This was led by Ms Burston, our PSHE leader. A few pupils were chosen to talk about what their year group had learnt. In assembly we saw the effects of smoking on your heart and lungs; your heart gets bigger and a black substance, called tar, develops on your lungs.

On Monday, Year 6 had a Year group Mass with their parents. Father John read and talked about the Gospel story, 'Jesus Heals a Paralysed Man' (Mark 2 :1-12).

Our favourite quotes were: "God is the only one who can forgive sins".

"My son your sins are forgiven".

On Thursday, 3D did their assembly on the theme of journeys. They told us about the journeys in our Catholic life. They talked about Mary and how she guides us all. At the end of the assembly, Mrs Lovegrove asked us who would guide us on our journey and the answers we gave were: God, Jesus, parents, siblings, the Holy Spirit and our Guardian Angels. We all loved the hymn they sang as it talked about one more step along the world we could go. Well done 3D!

Paige and Sowmya (Pupil Leadership Team)

Housepoints this week (rolling totals)

St David 63 (186)

St George 48 (184)

St Patrick 87 (233)

St Andrew 86 (190)

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance—Week Ending 19th January 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	94.7	RB	91.8
1JB	93	1EB	98.8
2E	96.9	2F	97.5
3GS	94.6	3D	94.8
4D	93.3	4H	98.5
5G	94.1	5C	98
6W	93.1	6MT	92.8



Attendance Goodie Bag

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

Our highest class attendance this week was 1EB with 98.8 %

They will have additional play next week! Well done!



Whole School Attendance figure this week was ...

95.5%

Congratulations everyone—this is amazing!
This is the highest attendance weekly figure we have had all year!

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 Preschool 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.



Sewing Club

The Tuesday Sewing Club are looking for donations of any unwanted material. If you have anything suitable, please leave it at the school office.

Punctuality

Being on time is a vital part of life and something we aim to instil in the children from the youngest age.

The school day starts, with soft start at 8.30am—where teachers have additional learning opportunities set up within the classroom. Mrs Barugh highlighted in her workshop on RWInc on Thursday, that this time is used for vital phonics practise and consolidation in Reception—Year 2. In other year groups there are opportunities for 1:1 reading, visiting the library or having the chance to complete or up level previous work.

The school gates close at 8.50am each morning.

After this time parents must not enter the school site by car.

You should park off site and accompany your child to the school office to be signed in.

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.

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.

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported Su (a pupil in Year 6), who has been selling bracelets to raise money for Cancer Research this week.

Su will be continuing with her fund raising next week. Her stall will be outside KS1 Hall (8.30am each morning).

Beaded bracelets 50p each.

Loom band bracelets 80p each.

Thank you SU



Schoolcomms

School Gateway
App

Schoolgateway

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.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION



The residents from Mulberry Court came to visit the children today to present prizes to the winners of the Christmas Jumper Competition.

Congratulations to the KS1 and KS2 runners up:
Izabela and Xavier

Congratulations

Congratulations to the overall winners:
Mayson and Calum.

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.

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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 Smiggle 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
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.

Ten-Ten Life to the Full Workshop

Please note our workshop on Friday 26th January 9.00am (KS1 Hall). This session will provide an overview of this programme—which we have just implemented.

Attending will give you the opportunity to gain a knowledge and understanding of our PSHE / Relationships and Health Education Programme so that you, as the first educators of your children, are in the best possible position to discuss these topics with them. Please make every effort to attend this session.

This is likely to last for about 30-40 mins and will be delivered by Miss Burston (PSHE Leader).

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

