

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your brilliant support this week. We have had World Mental Health Day, Scholastic Book Fair and CAFOD Harvest Festival assembly. Thank you for all of your donations and ongoing support. We are a fantastic community. Next week is the last week of term and we have lots going on so please check the calendar of events that was emailed last week. Also, as a reminder the last day is Thursday as staff have an Inset Day on Friday.

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Long

Black History Exhibition - Monday 16th October 2023 3.30pm - 4.40pm

We would like to invite all parents to our Black History Month Art and Writing Exhibition after school to showcase all of the work we have been doing in school to celebrate a range of inspirational Black artists including: Augusta Savage, Bisa Butler and Kay Davis.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th October – Black History Month Exhibition. All welcome 3.20pm

Thursday 19th October – Parents/carers reading. EYFS & KS1

Thursday 19th October – Open Afternoon. All welcome (pre-booked)

Thursday 19th October – All Day – World Clothing and World Food Day 3.30pm-5pm

Friday 20th October – Inset Day school closed to pupils



St Joseph's World Food Day - Thursday 19th October

On Thursday 19th October we will be celebrating St Joseph's World Food day.

What to Wear! - As part of the celebration we are inviting children to come into school in their traditional clothes or in clothes which are colours from their national flag.

What to Bring! - We are also inviting parents to share their favourite traditional food and are hoping to get a range of food to represent our school community. If you would like to participate in our St Joseph's World Food day then please come to school on Thursday 19th at 3.10pm to set up with your dish and a list of ingredients for your dish



Congratulations to Raina Y1 who won the Ifly tickets. Have a great time and we look forward to seeing the photos!!

Rainbow Awards

13th October 2023

Rec – Sean, Praise

Year 1 – Harry O, Praise

Year 2 – Levi, Miray

Year 3 – Rose, Madalyn

Year 4 – Ava-Mae, Lizzie

Year 5 – Freda, Carolina

Year 6 – Fatima, Franklin

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



Hello Yellow Day was on Tuesday 10th October. The aim of the day was to raise awareness of mental health and to drive positive change for everyone's wellbeing.



School success starts
with attendance

As a school we aim for pupils to achieve 100% attendance or as close as possible. Evidence shows strong attendance directly links to a child achieving their full potential. Through working together, we can ensure that your child receives a full-time education, through regular and structured attendance.

While it is understandable that there may be a number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected, it remains essential that all children attend school as often as possible and are not absent for minor coughs and colds.

Keeping attendance above 95% allows pupils to achieve their potential.

Winners last week

Year 6 – 92.6%

School attendance 92.6%



This Week

Ruby Y2

Liam Y1

Grace Y6

Miss Holmes



Today we went to the Maritime museum to carry out a workshop about Vikings. We explored their origin and how archeologists are still finding artefacts from that time. We looked into some artifacts and even did some role play trading items which were found in Scandinavia. It was so much fun!

**95% = 47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR
8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days**

**90% = 95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR
16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day**

**85% = 142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR
24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days**

**80% = 190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR
32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days**

Book your child's place via ParentPay from Tuesday 12th September. All after-school activities will start at **3:20pm** and finish promptly at **4:20pm**.

All Clubs will start the week beginning **18th September 2023** and will be every week with the last club finishing the week beginning **8th December 2023**.

Year Group (s)	Club	Day	Adult	Max number of children
Years 3 & 4	Homework Club	Monday	D Bray	12
Years 3,4,5 & 6	Photography	Monday	Miss Francis	10
Years 3,4,5 & 6	Science Club	Monday	Miss Long	10
Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Film Club	Wednesday	Ms McMahon	15
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Spanish Club	Wednesday	Miss Lopez	10
Years 3,4,5	Forest School	Wednesday	Miss Kavanagh	15
Years 3,4,5 & 6	Drama	Thursday	Ms Harvey	20
Years 2,3,4,5 & 6	Lego Club	Thursday	Mrs Openshaw	20
Clubs – FREE				
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Chess Club	Friday Lunch time	Mr Spalding	10
Year 6	SAT's Booster	Monday 3.20-4.20	Miss Cafun	24

Guitar & Piano Tuition darransmith@yahoo.co.uk 07740 529438

Dear Parents, I have worked at St Josephs R.C for 15 years, and I have very much enjoyed teaching hundreds of children how to play guitar and piano. I consider it a privilege to be able to work alongside the children to nurture a love of music and musicianship, build their self confidence, as well as the numerous other benefits that learning music provides. I have been able to teach each child individually, or in small groups, and continue with them as they start in lower school and leave in year 6. We held a concert at the end of last term, so hopefully your child/children were able to see the current students performing. There are currently spaces available for new students. Lessons - Are £8 per 15 minute session, £16 per 30 minute session, paid for in advance at the start of each half term. - Parents pay me directly in half term blocks, and I will email at the start of each half term to confirm cost. I am in school every week with the occasional exception. Each half term is generally 6 weeks but can be 5 or 7, so fees vary. Having worked this way in other schools for many years, I also know that there are advantages to being in contact with parents directly. I'm very happy to update parents on progress, and it also means that you can contact me at any time with questions. It's good for me to know how children are getting on at home, feedback from parents is very useful. I also email sheet music to parents directly, so you will know what your child has been learning and can help them with practice. Please contact me directly, or reply to the school office if your child would be interested in having either guitar or piano lessons.