

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back to Autumn 2! It has been a lovely start to the term. The children are looking smart, working hard and have had great manners. As we continue through the Autumn term we strive to be the best versions of ourselves be always aiming to be a better person than we were yesterday and living our lives on Gods footsteps.
Have a wonderful weekend. Take care and Keep Safe
Miss Long

Flu Nasal Vaccination

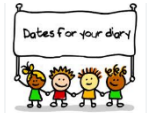
The flu vaccination team will be visiting St Joseph's next Friday. Please remember to complete the online consent form, this is to be done even if you do not want the vaccination, in doing this your child will automatically be removed from the vaccination list.

For information there is a website for a flu leaflet in 13 different languages, please see link below. www.sharegoodtimesnotflu.co.uk/information/understanding-flu-leaflet.html

Below is a link to the flu fighters' video this is just a fun way of making the children aware of the vaccination and may prove helpful especially for reception class.

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/illness/stopping-flu/>

Dates for your Diary



Monday 6th November UK Parliament Week

Tuesday 7th November 8.45-9.30am Tea & Talk all parents/carers welcome

Tuesday 7th November 2023 9am-9.40 Phonics Workshop & Drop-in EYFS & Year 1 parents/carers welcome

Thursday 9th November 8.40am-9.10 parents/carers reading

Thursday 9th November 5pm-6pm Open Afternoon all welcome – pre booked only

Friday 10th November 2023 9am Remembrance Day Assembly parents/carers welcome

Thursday 16th November parents reading KS2

Friday 17th November Children in Need – wear yellow or dots (own clothes)

Thursday 23rd November parents reading EYFS & KS1

Friday 24th November 2023 Own clothes day – bring a bottle for Christmas Fair

Tuesday 28th November 2023 3.30pm-5.30pm parents evening booked appointments only.

Thursday 30th November 8.40am-9.10 parents reading KS2

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Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Mrs Openshaw who took part in the World Championship games for the Scouts Organisation being held in India. Mrs Openshaw took part in the crossbow competition and broke the world record for 55 metres and 45 metres and with her world record equalling score at 35 metres with a score of 500 out of 600 broke the world record. Mrs Openshaw won 4 gold medals for England!!.

Well done Mrs Openshaw St Joseph's is very proud of you!



This Week



Arthur – Y2
Alejandro – Y5
Nishanya – Y6
Praise – Y1
Elijah – Y2
Raina – Y1
Faith – Rec
Dennis – Y1



Coffee Morning for Parents of Children with Special Educational Needs

Come and meet other parents/carers and enjoy some tea, coffee and biscuits. The aim is to provide peer support and offer suggestions from professionals on ways to support your child at home.

Our coffee mornings are open to all parents, regardless of whether your child has a diagnosis or not.



2 confirmed dates of our coffee mornings with guest speakers are:

Thursday 16th November 9am-10am

Claire Large from the STEPS Team at Greenwich will be delivering a session on 'How you can Help your Child with their Learning at Home.'

Tuesday 12th March 9am-10am

Philomena Francis from CAHMS will deliver a session focused on behaviour, "Positive Interactions – Routines and Boundaries to Support Family Wellbeing.'

We look forward to seeing you there!



Every day
COUNTS!

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 5 – 100%

School attendance 93.1%

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

Rainbow Awards

3rd November 2023

Rec – Kaima, Adrian

Year 1 – Leo B, Nadia

Year 2 – Enzo, Caleb

Year 3 – Pirashanna, Summer

Year 4 – Aeva, Georgie

Year 5 – Gracie, Olivia

Year 6 – George, Francis

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



On Monday, the wet weather brought an exciting visitor to the Reception Outdoor Classroom.... Hidden inside one of our tyres we found this friendly little toad! We made him a pond, got him some mealworms to eat and have taught him some songs too! Each class has visited Reception to say hello to Toady and he is loving his new home and friends.



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.