

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 12th May 2017

Here at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we learn and grow through the love of Jesus. Our community is a safe, caring and happy place where everyone is supported and valued. We encourage and challenge everyone to achieve their full potential, spiritually, academically, morally and socially.

We inspire others with a love of learning and aim for excellence in everything we do. Through our own faith, we treat one another the way we would like to be treated. We help every child to be gentle and fair: to always do their best.

Message from the Head Teacher



Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 children have finished their end of Key Stage SATs and we are all very proud of them. I have been impressed with the way in which they have settled into the tests in such a matter of fact and mature manner. I am also so pleased that for the four days of their SATs everyone was in early and in every day, well done to you all.

However, at St Joseph's we never let the children sit back on their laurels, they are still working hard with their writing and all the other subjects. Although Year 6 children have sat tests for reading, grammar, spelling and punctuation and maths, they still have to be assessed for their writing and their science knowledge, understanding and skills. The test results, along with the teacher assessments for writing and science will make up the judgements of achievement that are sent to the National curriculum assessment agency.

This month Year 2 children will be assessed for their end of Key Stage SATs. Year 2 children are assessed on reading, writing and maths. The tests in Year 2 are important in showing progress from Reception to Year 2 in the core subjects however, unlike the Year 6 tests, they are not sent away to be marked. They are marked in school and are used to support the class teacher's teacher assessment which is made from the evidence of work the children produce during the year. Year 2 children always work hard and enjoy their learning, enjoyment of learning is the key to success for everyone, children and adults alike and at St Joseph's we continue to foster this in all we do.

This morning we had a demonstration of a new resource called a 'Magic Carpet', the children who used it were wowed over by it and would like one for school!! PTFA, we might be coming to you to see if some of your fundraising could go towards it. As you may be reading in the media, school funding is becoming a massive issue for schools, especially schools such as ours, one form entry ones, and most of the money you donate to the school is much needed to support the resources needed for curriculum areas. I have always been so appreciative of the way in which the PTFA has supported the school and enabled us to offer the number of resources in school for our children. Something like the 'Magic Carpet' would continue to allow children to experience the 'awe and wonder' in learning.

I hope the year 3 children making their First Holy Communion this week have a blessed day and I hope the weather is good for them. I will keep you in my prayers this weekend.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend. God Bless.

Sharon Grange

Attendance

% Pupil attendance
for week ending
05/05/2017

Reception	92%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	100%

Well done to Year 2 & 6 for the best attendance.

Punctuality

Number of children arriving late at school week ending
05/05/2017

Reception	0
Year 1	1
Year 2	6
Year 3	1
Year 4	1
Year 5	0
Year 6	2

Well done to Reception and Year 5 for no lates

Birthdays

Jack
Amelie
John
Tomas
Marylouis
Lucas

Pupil of the Week

Congratulations to the following children for achieving Pupil of the Week:

- Marisol
- Gishaan
- James
- Jonathan
- Hannah
- Jack
- Bartek