

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 24th February 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

I hope you all had a good half term break and were able to spend some quality time with your children.

We have had some lovely news about two of our 'expectant' mums, Mrs Holmes gave birth to a baby girl, Sia Rose, on Valentine's Day and Mrs Taylor, Mia and Paige's mum gave birth to a baby girl on Tuesday. We send our congratulations and blessings to both families.

Next week we will be attending Ash Wednesday Mass at 11.00am in Church, you are all welcome to join the children in receiving their ashes at this Mass. As we move into Lent there will be Stations of the Cross led by Year 6 on Friday 3rd March at 8.20am in the school hall.

On Friday 3rd March there will also be a Parent's Creative Arts Forum to share with you the 'My Creative School' project we are part of. The theme of our project is 'Awe and Wonder', very often as children move through school they start to lose the experience of wonder, surprise, and awe in the world around them. Awe and Wonder is very much an important part of the Early Years Curriculum but as the academic side of school life takes on more importance the sense of wonder can be lost. We believe that our academic lives will be even more enriched by exploring and questioning the world around us. Exploring and questioning enables us develop into creative, intelligent and caring individuals.

Thank you to everyone who regularly contributes to our food bank collection. I think that just by bringing one item a week we can make a difference to the lives of others.

Next week the 2nd March is World Book Day, Mrs Simmons has arranged a number of enjoyable activities throughout the day for the children. Reading and sharing books is so important and World Book Day just raises the awareness of how wonderful reading a good book can be. Please read regularly with your children and foster the love of reading for pleasure in them.

We have extended our range of extra-curricular activities and now have Photography and Spanish happening in school. We used to be very sports orientated with our after school clubs but now, along with the popular sports clubs we have Art and Chess as well as the new clubs. I believe, considering the lack of space that we have that we offer a good range of extra-curricular clubs. We are striving to meet the needs of our community but also to move the school into being Outstanding in everything we provide for our children and families.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. God Bless.

Sharon Grange

Attendance

% Pupil attendance
for week ending
10/02/2017

Reception	95.0%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	95.9%

Well done to Year 4 & 5 for the best attendance.

Punctuality

Number of children arriving late at school week ending
10/02/2017

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

Well done to Reception, Year 4 for no lates!

Birthdays

Daniel
Jewel
Grace
Zara
Zofia

Pupil of the Week

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

- ❖ Albie
- ❖ Alice
- ❖ Zara
- ❖ Leo
- ❖ Zara
- ❖ Marissa
- ❖ Francesca