

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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

Lent has begun in a wonderful way for the school. The Mass on Ash Wednesday led by Father Tom and Year 6, along with this morning's Stations of the Cross has given us a beautiful start to our Lenten reflections. We encourage the children to do something different for Lent such as helping more at home or giving up a special treat they regularly enjoy. This is to remind them that Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to reflect on what was to come and for the children to prepare for the Easter celebrations.

Stations of the Cross will be taking place every Friday at 8.25 in the school Hall, they will be led by Year 6 children. Everyone is welcome to attend, it is a beautiful service which gives us all an opportunity in our busy lives to quietly reflect and pray.

Today we had one of the artists Alex McIntyre supporting the school with 'The Creative School' project that we are involved with. She met with parents this morning and was really impressed with the number of parents who joined us and with the strong community spirit that came through. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come and meet her and to take part in the activities, it was an active session and I hope enjoyable for everyone. Please ask your children about the project and what happens on the 'Wonder Days'.

Just to remind you that children should be coming to school in correct school uniform, including appropriate school shoes, coats and bags. They should also be coming to school every day and on time, the school gate opens at 8.30 am and there are always two members of staff on duty in the playground at this time.

If you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals please speak to Mrs Hannon to find out how you can apply for this for your child. There is also a link on the LGFL website which will be able to guide you through the process <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> The information is confidential and if your child is entitled to this benefit the school also receives funding to support your child in school.

We heard news this week that sadly, one of our past governors, Paul Iredale has died. Paul was a supportive governor to the school for a number of years and in fact was one of the governors who interviewed me for the post of Head Teacher. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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

Sharon Grange

### **Attendance**

% Pupil attendance  
for week ending

Reception	88.3%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	92.1%
Year 6	98.7%

Well done to Year 6 for the best attendance.

### **Punctuality**

**Number of children arriving late** at school week ending

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

Well done to Reception, Year 3, 4 & 5 for no lates!

### **Birthdays**

Francesco  
Vincent  
Roberto  
Ben

### **Pupil of the Week**

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

- ❖ Aleksander
- ❖ Anne
- ❖ Caitlin
- ❖ Alex
- ❖ Ned
- ❖ Somaya
- ❖ Malcolm