

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter June 23rd 2023

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents,

I hope that you and your families are well and where possible today you have been able to enjoy some time together during our final inset day of the academic year. The children have had an enjoyable week in school with Reception's visit from the animal lady an absolute highlight. Our youngest children in school had a great time and were so calm and caring towards each of the animals - a real credit to our school!

Thank you to the parents from Year 5 who came to meet with the school nurse and I hope that this session proved interesting and informative.

Father Philip also led class Mass in Year 6 and thank you to the parents who also attended. Across school, it has been very pleasing to see the children continuing to gain confidence and knowledge of planning and leading prayer - truly living our school mission.

I have emailed all parents today with a link to our Catholic Life and Prayer questionnaire. We truly value your contributions and feedback as parents which support us to continue to develop and adapt which is of great benefit to the children. I appreciate you taking the time to complete the questionnaire and can assure you that I will read each one returned. The link is below. Of course, if you do wish to discuss anything in further detail please do call in to the office.

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Please do continue to keep an eye on the diary below as there are a number of events coming up shortly - including our annual (and my first at St Joseph's!) sport's day on Tuesday. Let's hope that the weather remains dry for us.

Updates:

June TEN:TEN Newsletter Here is the June newsletter from Ten:Ten. This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout May and suggests ways to support your family prayer times www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

We have a number of places available in our before and after school clubs. Please do enquire in the office if this is something that you wish to access or learn more about. Our Gymnastics club is now open to our Reception children too.

Have a great weekend and best wishes to all of our dads who are celebrating Fathers' day on Sunday - enjoy the special attention and I hope that like your gift organised by our PTA!

God bless

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal



1 - We have a limited number of places available for our Reception class starting in September 2023. If you would like to know more, please contact our school office on 01384 431980. Come and join our wonderful school! "St Joseph's continues to be a Good school" - Ofsted Feb 2023.

Reminder - Family Mass takes place each Saturday at 5:00pm. Please come and join us! The latest Parish newsletter can be found at this link <u>OLAS-Bulletin-11th-June-2023.pdf</u>

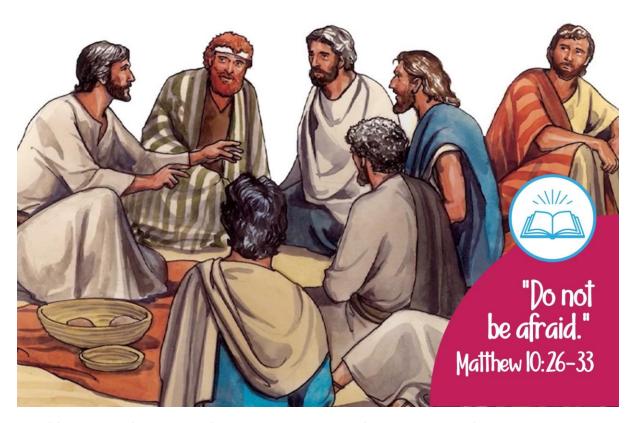




2 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

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Children's liturgy - The twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time Matthew 10: 26-33



Jesus' friends are afraid and don't know what to do. They feel that they aren't very important and that God may not look after them. Jesus looks at the world around him and sees that God is watching over everything, even tiny birds like sparrows. Have you ever seen sparrows? What do they look like?

When you look at the world, what else can you see that might remind you of God's love for us all?

Jesus tells his friends that they are worth more than many sparrows. If we ever feel afraid, we can remember those sparrows in the gospel, or some of the other things we have mentioned, and be reminded that God loves us even more.

Jesus says that, because God is looking after them, his friends need not be afraid to speak up and tell everybody about Jesus and the things he said.

Can you remember some of the things Jesus said, that it would be good for us to tell other people? He said we should try to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. Anything else?

In our country, there are not so many sparrows as there used to be a few years ago. We are starting to realise that we need to look after them and to protect the places where they live.

Around the world, lots of the birds and animals and plants that remind us of God also need us to care for them.

We all need help sometimes, we cannot do everything on our own.

God loves us all and so we are called to take care of one another, to love one another, no matter where in the world that we are. We are also called to protect and care for the earth, so that everyone can share in the good things that God has given us.

This can be hard sometimes. We might need to be brave and to speak out for what we know is right when we see others treating people or the earth badly.

Can you try to remember that God loves you this week? And can you be brave and try to share that love with others just like the disciples?

We know that every person and every living thing is important to God and so we pray together:

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that she may continue to follow Jesus' example of respect and love for all people. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all our sisters and brothers around the world: that they may make their stories heard and have hope for the future, as they work to build a fairer world. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may see that all people are equally important, no matter whether they are rich or poor. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: God of life, help us to see the beauty of your world, and to treat all people around the world with respect and love. May we share your hope and love with others. Amen.

Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

Our May Procession



The May Procession at St. Joseph's

On Wednesday 24th May, our school community came together to hold a May Procession. Father Phillip led us in our Liturgy along with our Year 6 children. Our celebration began in the hall where we gathered to share praise and thanks for Mary our Mother. Then, to the beautiful sounds of "As I kneel before you', we processed through school and out onto the KS2 playground. The sun shone as we paused to pray for our wonderful Year 6 children as they prepare to move to their new schools. Still singing we then, moved to our KS1 playground where we stopped to pray for our families and thank them for their love and support. We then returned to the hall to place flowers around the statue of Our Lady and to reflect on the vey special place Mary has in our lives, our hearts and our faith. Thank you to everyone involved in making this a memorable occasion.

'Mary is the mother who patiently and tenderly leads us to God' Pope Francis







An upcoming event at school featuring our school choir and the MSH Choir in support of Mary Steven's Hospice



Steam week



Steam week was a great success! The children had great fun and learnt lots! They especially enjoyed learning about architecture, designing, printing, geometric shapes, life cycles, plants and lots more! Thank you to our parents who came in to talk to the children about their careers. We have a created a 'pop up' gallery in the entrance area for you to see the activities that took place during STEAM week. Lots of further information and photographs can be seen on our social media pages.



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stjosephscatholicprimary Thank you to Mrs Cangiano and Mrs Freeman for kicking off our STEAM week with an introductory assembly... more

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stjosephscatholicprimary We had a special treat during our STEAM week today! A huge thank you to











Curriculum



Have you seen the curriculum area on our school website? It is full of information about the progression of key knowledge and skills that our children learn throughout their time at school. Our curriculum is designed to ensure that the precise knowledge and skills are learnt and reinforced so

that the children develop a wide schema (web of knowledge) and are able to know more and remember more during their time at school and are prepared for their next stage in education.

Ofsted agreed that we are continuing to develop an ambitious curriculum so that in all areas the children are able to achieve well and use the techniques that they have been taught to tackle a variety of challenges. Our curriculum is rooted in the teachings of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teachings so we make links with the children's learning to areas such as caring for our world, the dignity of workers, developments for the common good and more.

To bring the curriculum to life, we also plan for educational visits and visitors that enrich learning further.

You can view your child's learning in all areas at the link below.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Curriculum Plans (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

Live Simply Update



Our Gardening club is coming soon! The seeds and greenhouse has arrived and we will shortly begin growing to show our commitment to living sustainably! More news to follow!

Gifts from God



The following children have been awarded certificates in our Gifts from God assembly this afternoon and will be invited to 'Brew with Mr W' on Friday afternoon to discuss their achievements. Well done children for your hard work and commitment to our school values.

^{*}There has not been a Gifts from God assembly this week due to our Inset day

Year group	Gospel values	Good work
Reception		
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6		

Diary Dates - Summer term



Please note the following diary dates for Summer

Tuesday 27th June - Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days

Wednesday 28th June - Whole School Mass (St Peter and St Paul)

Thursday 29th June Y1 trip to Cosford

Thursday 29th June 5:30pm - Reception parents' induction

Friday 30th June - Year 4 Viking Day

1st July - St Joseph's Summer Faye

Monday 3rd July - Reception trip to Bodenham

Monday 3rd July - School Nurse in school to meet with Y6 parents (time to follow)

Tuesday 4th July - School Nurse in Y6 all day (2:30pm for parent drop ins)

Wednesday 5th July - Hagley Catholic High School Year 7 transition day

Wednesday 5th July - Stay and play for new Reception intake

Wednesday 5th July - Whole school 'moving up' transition day

Monday 10th July - Dudley Road Safety Officers in to visit Year 6

Wednesday 12th July - Hagley Catholic High School band performing in school

Wednesday 12th July 2:10pm - Year 1 prayer service (parents welcome)

Thursday 13th July - Year 4 Viking musical performance

Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 serving lunch to the senior parishioners

Friday 21st July - Prize giving for Years Reception - Year 5 (9:10am)

Monday 24th July - Year 6 leavers' assembly and prize giving (9:10am)

Tuesday 25th July - Year 6 leavers' Mass (9:10am)

Tuesday 25th July - Final day of the summer term

Monday 4th September - Inset day school closed to pupils

Tuesday 5th September - Inset day school closed to pupils

Wednesday 6th September - School opens for pupils.

Wednesday 6th September 1st half of Reception class to stay in school until midday (Separate letter to be sent to parents)

Thursday 7th September 2nd half of Reception class to stay in school until midday (Separate letter to be sent to parents)

Friday 8th September - All of Reception class to stay in school until midday

Monday 11th September - All of Reception class to stay in school for full day

PTA updates



We are very lucky to benefit from such an active and passionate PTA - thank you for your ongoing support to our school!

Please see the below videos for how our outside area has been transformed in school with thanks to the PTA! We have lots of exciting plans including a gardening club, vegetable patch, the use of a greenhouse, a pond area, new benches to listen to stories from the storytelling chair and areas for children to be responsible for. All showing how we are caring for our common home - how wonderful!

The PTA today organised the Fathers' day sale in school - thank you very much for the donations to the sale!

Thank you so much to our fantastic PTA!

Please see the link below for an update on the PTA outdoor projects for the rest of this year. If you can help in any way, please do let your

class PTA representative know. Thank you to the PTA for preparing this wonderful slideshow! <u>OUTDOOR PROJECTS (canva.com)</u>



Thank you so much to the PTA who joined us last Saturday and helped out with the outdoor area at school. The school environment looks absolutely wonderful and the children had a brilliant surprise on Monday morning! Thank you PTA!













WE NOW HAVE A WISHLIST OF BOOKS HELD BY BEAR BOOK SHOP. THE LIST FEATURES TITLES OUR TEACHERS WOULD LOVE TO ADD TO THEIR BOOKSHELVES!

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A BOOK FOR OUR SCHOOL COLLECTION, PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW.

PE Timetable



Please take note of your child's PE days for this half term.

Reception Class - Monday

Year 1 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 2 - Monday & Tuesday

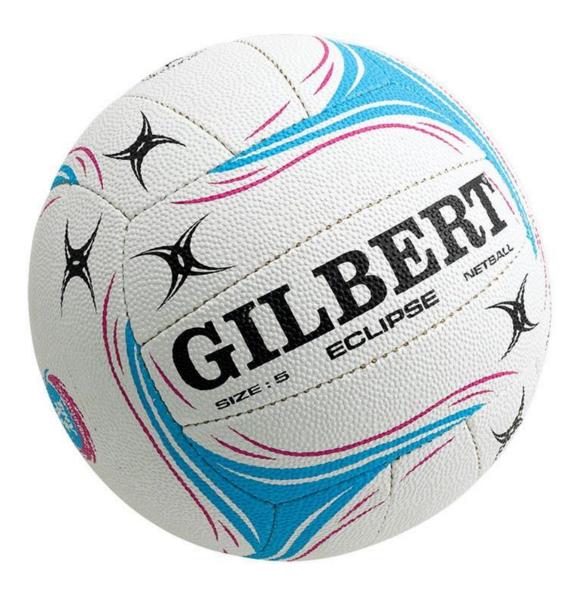
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

Year 4 - Monday & Friday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday & Thursday(Swim)

Clubs



Lunchtime Clubs:

Monday - KS2 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)

Tuesday - Cricket Club - Years 4/5 & 6

Tuesday - Y6 leading 'Mindfulness group'

Thursday - Football training with Mr Wilkes - Years 4/5 & 6

Friday - KS1 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)

*A lunchtime gardening club is to soon begin. Please contact the school office if you would like for your child to be included in this club!

If your child is interested in joining any of our Before & After school clubs, please contact the school office for more details.

Monday 8am - Dodgeball

Tuesday 8am - KS2 Gymnastics (spaces)

Wednesday 8am - KS2 Multi-skills

Thursday 8am - KS1 Gymnastics(spaces)

Thursday 3.15-4.15 - Year 5&6 Netball

Friday 8am - Archery Club

Friday 3.15-4.45pm - Years 1-4 Football

Tuesday & Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm - Irish Dancing

Our new caterers and lunch menu



The children have been delighted with our new lunch menu at school. Meals can be pre-ordered daily or weekly on the new School Food United app, details were emailed out to all parents on

Monday 27th February. Please remember to order before 8am. Pupils in Reception & KS1 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Dinners for KS2 pupils are £2.30 per day.

School Menu - Summer term





24th Apr, 15th May, 5th Jun, 26th Jun, 17th Jul, 11th Sep, 2nd Oct, 23rd Oct

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Allergy information available on request

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		Main	ARCHICOVACOA SONO	500000000000000000000000000000000000000
Cheese and Bean Slice with Wedges (v)	Chicken, Leek and Sweetcorn Pasta	Pork Meatball and Tomato Bake with New Potatoes	BBQ Chicken with Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips
		Vegetarian		(a)
Roasted Tomato and Basil Pasta (v)	Veggie Biryani (v)	Vegan Sausage with New Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Broccoli and Cauliflower Cheese Rice Bake (v)	Samosa and Chips (v)
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Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Salmon Mayo or Colesia
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Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Tuna May Egg Mayo or Cheese
		Vegetables		
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetable
Fruit Shortbread	Iced Carrot Cake	Jelly	Vegan Summer Loaf	Fruit Cheesecake
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt













Attendance



Congratulations to Years 2 & Year 3 who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 93.56%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 95.6%

Year 1: 96.2%

Year 2: 96.9%

Year 3: 96.9%

Year 4: 95.6%

Year 5: 96.5%

Year 6: 95.2%

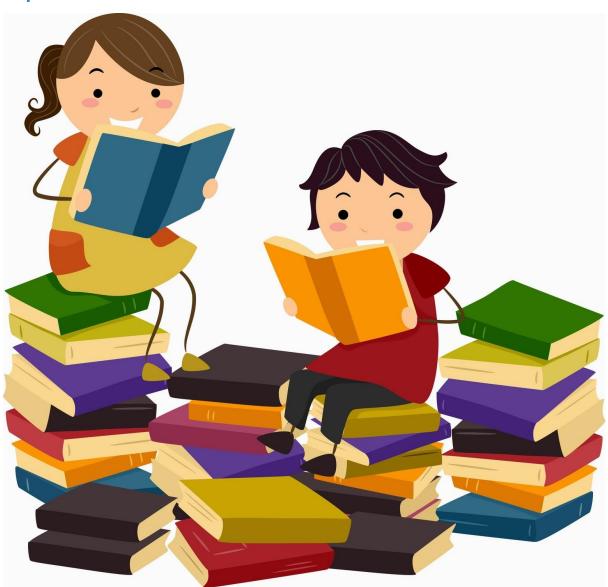
Please make sure your child is in school every day unless ill. Remember illnesses such as colds can be managed well with Calpol and although children can feel unwell first thing in a morning they do tend to brighten up during the day. We will always contact you if we are concerned that your child has become unwell throughout the day.

If there is no reason provided for your child's absence an unauthorised code is marked in the register. This will impact your child's overall attendance. Please contact school before 8.55am where possible and leave a message . If we are not aware of why your child is not in school we will try and contact you, if we are unable to contact the parent/carer we may call one of the other contacts on your child's records.

Please try to be as punctual as possible, we have noticed a small number of children are arriving late to school. If your child arrives after the close of the registration period (9.05am) this again is recorded as an unauthorised absence on the register and will affect your child's overall attendance figure. If your child arrives at school after 8.55am they MUST be accompanied by a parent/carer for signing in purposes.

In line with Government guidance all pupils who test positive for COVID-19 are recorded as ill in the register.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals



If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,

We get an extra [£1,385 (for primary schools) / £985 (for secondary schools) – these figures are for the 2022/2023 financial year] for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please go to www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Teams by:

Telephone - 01384 814988

Email - freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Safeguarding



You can reach out to Mr Wilkes, Mrs McCole or Mrs Riley or any member of staff in school.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for this school are:



Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr A. Wilkes



Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs J. McCole



Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs M Riley

Dudley Early Help Strategy



EARLY HELP STRATEGY | healthandwellebing (dudleyhealthandwellbeing.org.uk)



3 - National Online Safety

This week we have emailed you with information on how to sign up for resources, courses and webinars around online safety using the National Online Safety platform. I will shortly add suggested resources to your parent 'watch list' which I believe will be of great support to us all as we keep our children safe in an ever changing environment online. Please do sign up to this fantastic resource which we also use regularly in school. All schools within Emmaus have been provided with this opportunity to support online safety of our children.

Within school, we are able to see which courses that you have completed, but not any other details. Please ensure that you select the 'parent/carer' user group when you sign up.



4 - Please scan for our Instagram page.

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Contact us



Mr Wilkes and Mrs McCole are available at the start and the end of the school day and can usually be contacted by telephone throughout the school day or a meeting arranged with a senior member of staff.

You will always receive a warm welcome at St Joseph's!

If you have any concerns or worries, no matter how small, please let us know so we can do everything we can to make things better and resolve your concerns. Never hesitate to get in touch. Thank you, as always, for your support.

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