

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter April 12th 2024

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents and families,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful and blessed Easter break. It was was so wonderful to see all of our children back in school on Monday!

Father Philip celebrated a beautiful Easter Mass for us all this morning and the children have been extending their learning of Eastertide throughout the week. This term, our Catholic School's Pupil Profile Virtues are Eloquent and Truthful - our pupils are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world. Please ask the children about these virtues at home.

Thank you to the Year 6 parents who attended the KS2 SATs information evening on Thursday evening. If you were unable to attend, the presentation has been emailed to you and is available on the school website St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Parent Workshops (st-jost.dudley.sch.uk)

Have a great weekend.

Mr A. Wilkes

Principal

Our school website is regularly updated. Please have a look here - <u>St Joseph's Catholic Primary</u> School Stourbridge - Home (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

Updates:

Staffing Updates:

All parents will have received an email containing a staffing update regarding Mrs McCole today. Please check your email inbox to view this.

Year 5 parents will have also received an email containing an update regarding Miss Lawson, who has made the very difficult decision to leave St Joseph's at the end of the summer term. Miss Lawson has been a highly valued member of the community at St Joseph's for 18 years and will be greatly missed. Miss Lawson has asked me to thank all families for their well wishes and to

reassure you all that her current treatment is going positively. We offer our prayers for a full recovery for Miss Lawson and wish her will.

April TEN:TEN Newsletter The April newsletter from Ten:Ten to support you with prayer at home www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/



Polite request for community members with skills! Dear parents, there are a number of ambitious projects in school that we wish to begin, and wondered if any members of our community would be interested in offering some of their skills towards the benefit of our school community? For example, we're looking for painters, joiners, carpenters, videographers and green fingered members of the local community to come forward and see if they could help. If this sounds like something that you feel you might be able to support with, please do give the school office a call. Thank you.

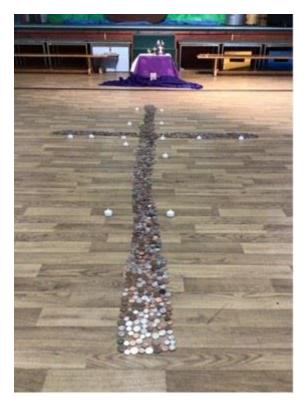


Catholic Social Teaching





1 - Our Caritas ambassadors reading prayers from the prayer stop in school. During the Year of Prayer we are all encouraged to spend time alone with God.



 $\hbox{$2$-Our beautiful cross of coins raising money for Father Hudson's}.$



If you are shopping in Tesco Stourbridge or Amblecote, please ask for a blue token and pop it in the collection point to support school!





3 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

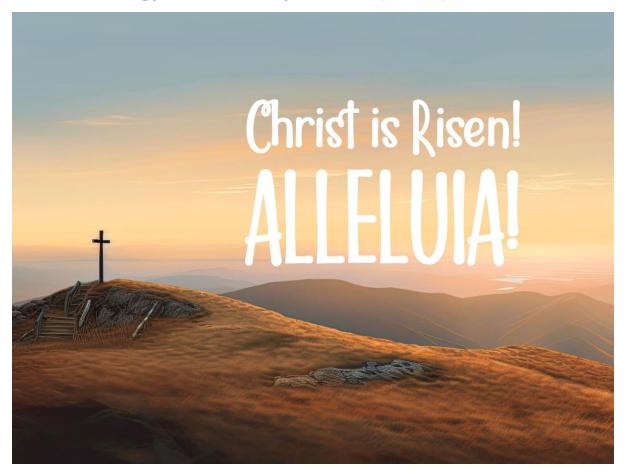
Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Our Lady and All Saints Church welcomes you! **Mass Times - Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am.** Latest newsletter

<u>OLAS-Bulletin-7th-April-2024-2nd-Sunday-of-Easter.pdf</u> April scripture reflection <u>OLAS-SCRIPTURE-COMMENTARIES-APRIL-2024.pdf</u>



Children's liturgy - Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)



The disciples were talking to each other when suddenly Jesus appeared amongst them.

They thought they had seen a ghost! How would you feel?

Jesus wants to show them he is not a ghost, but flesh and blood, so Jesus does something very normal.

He asks for something to eat. Do you remember what he eats in the story? Jesus eats some fish.

Many of Jesus' first followers were fishermen and the first Christians used fish as a symbol that they followed Jesus.

After eating, Jesus gives the disciples a special job to be his witnesses; to tell other people about his life, death and resurrection and his message of God's love and forgiveness.

The Christian faith has been passed on person to person for more than 2,000 years.

Who are the people who have told you the story of Jesus? How can you share the story of God's love and forgiveness with others?

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may share the story of Jesus and show his love to all people. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for those who go to sea and all those who face danger in order to feed their families. May God be always with them, keeping them safe. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may show Jesus' love in the way we care for and forgive others. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer:

Father God, you sent your Son to share your message of love and forgiveness. Help us all to be witnesses to that love and forgiveness in our lives. Amen

Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

The Wednesday Word- <u>Easter Special - Magazine - Page 1 (paperturn-view.com)</u>



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.

Gifts from God will return next week.

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

PE and School Sport



Updates:

Girls football - Our Year 5 and Year 6 girls football team have completed their league, finishing second. This means they have qualified for the regional finals in May - well done girls! The girls played 6 games, winning 3 and drawing three. They scored 9 goals and didn't concede a single goal!

Boys football - boys can join in football training on a Wednesday lunchtime (weather permitted!) and there league will begin in the spring. We are exploring further boys football training on an evening after school and will have some information to communicate soon.

Y5/6 Dudley Girls Football

Tuesday 27th February 2024									
	RESULTS								
Pitch 1	Hob Green	٧	Amblecote	0-0					
Pitch 2	Peters Hill	٧	St Joseph's	0-0					
Pitch 3	Rufford	٧	St James	0-2					
Pitch 1	St James	٧	Peters Hill	0-0					
Pitch 2	St Joseph's	٧	Hob Green	2-0					
Pitch 3	Amblecote	٧	Ham Dingle	1-1					
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Pitch 1	Rufford	V	Hob Green	0-6					
Pitch 2	Amblecote	٧	Peters Hill	0-2					
Pitch 3	Ham Dingle	٧	St James	0-2					

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Hob Green	6	4	1	1	13	2	13
St Joseph's	6	3	3	0	9	0	12
Peters Hill	6	3	2	1	7	1	11
St James	6	3	2	1	4	4	11
Amblecote	6	0	4	2	1	3	4
Ham Dingle	6	0	2	4	1	10	2
Rufford	6	0	2	4	0	15	2

Attendance



Congratulations to **Reception class** who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 96.47%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 98.5%

Year 1: 96.7%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 97.7%

Year 4: 97%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 89.7%

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.

Diary Dates 2023-24



^{*}Please note all term dates are available on the calendar section of the school website

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

Dudley term dates - 2024/25 <u>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Dudley Term Dates</u> 2023-24 and 2024-25 (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

Wednesday 17th April - Year 6 serving senior Parish lunches - 1pm

Thursday 18th April - Multiplication Tables Check information meeting for Year 4 parents - 3.30pm

Tuesday 23rd April - St George's Day - children in Red and White

Wednesday 24th April - St Mark's House Mass - 2:20pm

Rosary Group each Wednesday lunchtime in May

Wednesday 1st May - St Joseph's Day and Mass - 2:20pm (parents welcome)

Wednesday 8th May -Year 2 Stay & Pray 9.10am (Year 2 parents welcome)

Whole School Mass - 2:30pm (parents welcome)

Thursday 9th May - Parents reading information evening - Reception to Year 5

Monday 13th-Thursday 16th May - Y6 SATs week

Wednesday 15th May - Year 1 stay and pray - 9:10am (Year 1 parents welcome)

Wednesday 15th May - Year 6 serving senior Parish lunches - 1pm

Wednesday 22nd May - Whole School May procession - 2:20pm

Wednesday 22nd May - Friday 24th May Year 5 Alton Castle retreat residential

Friday 24th May - school closes for the end of the first half of the summer term

^{*}Please note a minor change to parents' evenings dates

Monday 3rd June - school reopens for the second half of the summer term 2

Monday 3rd June - Year 3 trip to Bishops Wood

Wednesday 5th June-Friday 7th June - Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes

Wednesday 5th June - Year 5 class Mass - 2:30pm (Year 5 parents welcome)

Monday 10th June - Reception class trip to Bodenham Arboretum

Wednesday 19th June - Reception stay and pray - 9:10am (Reception parents welcome)

Wednesday 19th June - Year 6 serving senior parish lunches - 1pm

Wednesday 19th June - Year 6 class Mass (Year 6 parents welcome)

Monday 24th June - National sports week

Sports days to take place on Tuesday 25th June. KS1 9:15-10:30am, KS2 11:00-12:30pm

Thursday 27th June - Y6, Y1 and Reception smoothie making

Thursday 27th June - 5:30pm new Reception parents (September 2024) induction evening

Friday 28th June - Catholic Social Teaching sharing assembly - - 2:30pm (parents welcome)

Saturday July 6th at 12:00pm - Year 4 Holy Communion at Our Lady and All Saints Church

Wednesday 10th July - Whole School Mass - 2:20pm (parents welcome)

Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 serving senior parish lunches

Thursday 18th July - Leavers' assembly and Prize giving

Friday 19th July - school closes for the summer holidays

Monday 22nd July - School closed for children (Inset day)

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.

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

















PTA updates - Please scroll through the images below for a host of updates from our wonderful PTA.





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We look forward to a great 20241

Marie, Em & the whole PT.OI



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Are you following our Facebook group? If not, search St. Joseph's PTA or scan our QR code below...



Or get in touch with your PTA by email: stjosephsptastourbridge@hotmail.com

A NOTE FROM MR WILKES

I was delighted to be asked to write a few lines for the newsletter to express my thanks and gratitude for all that you do for our children and school.



Over the last year a number of successful events and projects have taken place that have been led by the PTA. The Valentines disco, mother and fathers' day sales, Joechella, the outdoor action day, spooky disco and fantastic Christmas raffle among many others have been fur for all and ensured a great amount of money curiching the learning experience of the children at St Joseph's.

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The generosity of parents and family members towards.

PTA events greatly supports the school to achieve our aims of providing the best sare in life for the children and community we serve. All parents in school become a member of the PTA when their child starts at St. Joseph's. Where possible, please do try to attend the meetings and approach a current member if you wish to become further involved as all support, skills and time given is very much appreciated and extremely rewarding.

On behalf of the teachers, support staff and governors, thank you.

JOIN US!

We're always thillied to have more people join us, whether you wish to a full member, or just day in to certain events, we'd really appreciase the help in whatever capacity you first able to offer. We do have the specific most below that we are currently looking to fill, please let your Class Re know if you'd like to get involved.

GRANTS APPLICATION OFFICERS There are a number of grants can apply for though out the school year, we have one member of P looking at opportunities, but with more people, we can apply for migrants!





HEALTH & BEAUTY

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ELYSIUM BEAUTY - BEAUTYATELYSIUM@HOTMAIL.COM
RESOLVE & RESTORE - RESOLVEANDRESTORE.CO.UK
STOURBRIDGE TENNIS CLUB - TENNIS-SQUASH.CO.UK

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PE Timetable - Summer 1st half term



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

(Please remember Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 that PE kits remain in school and are sent home at half term)

Reception Class - Monday - bikeability

Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday (swimming)

Year 4 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 5 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 6 - Wednesday & Friday

Clubs



Lunchtime Clubs:

Tuesday - Cross Country - Years 4/5 & 6

Wednesday - Y6 leading 'Mindfulness group'

Wednesday - Y5/Y6 boys and girls football training on the field. Please bring change of kit and trainers

Thursday - Year 2 - 6 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)

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

Monday 3:25-4:25pm - DPA Drums

Tuesday 8am - KS2 Gymnastics (R&B) -spaces available

Wednesday 8am - Dodgeball - Years 1-6 (Mark Bennett)

Thursday 8am - KS1 Gymnastics (RB)

Thursday 3.15-4.15pm - Years 4 -6 Netball

Friday 8am - Archery Club - Years 1-6 (Mark Bennett)

Friday 3.15-4.45pm - Years 1-4 Football (Your sport)

Tuesday & Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm - Irish Dancing

Our school lunch menu



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 menu









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.

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)



5 - National Online Safety

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. I have resent the sign up letter to all parents today.

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. https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-joseph-s-catholic-primary-school-8 There are lots of resources, guides and webinars to support you to keep your child safe online.



6 - 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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