

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 11th October 2024



Our School Value Respect - Self-belief - Faith - Friendship - Resilience - Self-control - Perseverance - Aspiration

Dear Lord,
Guide us as we journey together in faith.
Share with us your love in all we do.
Allow us to be who we are, kind, caring, loyal friends to all we know.
Amen

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
Year 5 99.6%

HOUSE
POINTS
Mark

Dear Parents,

The weeks are certainly flying by now. A busy week as always but filled with excitement. Thank you for all our Harvest food bank donations. The basket is certainly getting full.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs O'Connor

Subject of the week – Computing

As we always do in the first term of the year, every class has begun the academic year with an Online Safety unit. These are taught at the right level for each year group and are a good reminder to all the children of the importance of observing basic safety rules when using any form of technology and of making sure that they are only using age appropriate games.

Wellbeing

On Thursday it was World Mental Health Day. We had an assembly to remind us of what mental health is and the ways in which we can help our wellbeing, in order to stay 'mentally healthy'. The children took part in lots of activities including role-playing and mindfulness. In the afternoon they joined other classes for a board game and play session. A wonderful way to connect with others and have fun. To top it all off there is no homework this week! Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 5 Prayer service

Well done to everyone who took part in the Year 5 Class Prayer Service this Thursday. It was a beautiful service and it was a pleasure to share it with our parents. The theme of our Prayer Service was linked to our RE Family unit on Ourselves. We focused on the importance of us all being made in the image of God and that we have to use our talents and qualities in a positive way as God would want us to. We read from Genesis – a Greek word that means 'becoming' or 'beginning to be made' – which tells us that God made us all to be just like him:

“So God created men and women
Who could love and care for the world and everything in it
And could love and care for one another;
Men and women who could know God
And love and serve God.”

During the service, we gave thanks for our uniqueness and differences and prayed that God would give us the strength and courage to use our talents and good qualities even when it was hard to do so. We finished our service with a hymn celebrating Mary because this is the month of the Rosary and her good actions are an excellent example to follow.

Safer Internet day

Following on from our recent online safety work, the school celebrated their safer internet day this week. Each class looked at some different aspects of safety on the internet, for example the different influences there are and being SMART online. Key Stage 2 met for an assembly at the end of the day to present their work and celebrate through poems, presentations and raps

Come & Read session

As we continue to foster a love of reading within our school community, I am writing to invite you to consider a wonderful opportunity to connect with our children through the joy of reading. We therefore are launching our 'come & read' session.

If you would like to volunteer your time to pop in a read with your child and other's in their class, we would be delighted to have you come. These sessions will be once a term. This initiative not only allows you to share a book that you cherished as a child, but it also creates an enriching experience where children can be transported to another world through storytelling.

If you are interested in taking part, then our first event will be Wednesday 16th October from 2.30pm. We greatly appreciate any support you can offer, and I am confident that your involvement will have a positive impact on our children.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to enrich our children's learning experience. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Jasper & Emmanuel

Reception
Sienna & Samira

Year 1
Shamiso & Ethan

Year 2
Myla & Dogan

Year 3
Tyler & Katia

Year 4
Precious & Olivia S

Year 5
Aisha & Esther

Year 6
Akay & Maisie

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1
Sofia

Year 2
Eveline

Year 3
Holy

Year 4
Maxwell

Year 5
Sofia

Year 6
Aisosa

Spanish Day

Buenos Dias! This week we celebrated our Spanish National Day at St Joseph's. The children came to school in the morning wearing a combination of Spanish colours: red and yellow. In Spain it's a day of parades and commemorates the date in 1492 when Christopher Columbus, or Cristobal Colon, as he is known in Spain, arrived in the Americas in the hope of finding a route to the East Indies and Asia. The aim of our day was to introduce Spanish vocabulary to KS1 and to encourage KS2 to use conversational Spanish in different scenarios as well as learning more about the country and its history of exploration. Many of the KS1 classes started their days by learning songs to help them with their counting in Spanish. In KS2 classes created fact files about Spain focusing on the life of Christopher Columbus and we were served with a delicious Spanish biscuit called Pastissets de Menorca.

Throughout the day, each class had the chance to learn some Spanish dancing. Our lovely instructor, Julie, helped us learn a very famous dance called the Flamenco. It was great fun.

We had a lovely and inspiring day!

Black History Month

A reminder that we will be celebrating Black History month during the week of 21st October, our key figures we will be focusing on are, Floella Benjamin, Henry Box Brown, Laurie Cunningham, Septimius Severus, Dennis Morris and Eunice Olumide, John Blake and Walter Tull.

Throughout the week we will be exploring different people and our sessions in class will have a strong link to the PSHE curriculum, whether it is looking at identity and culture, community and responsibilities, diversity and challenging prejudice or career and aspirations.

We are really looking forward to celebrating Black excellence in all its forms—whether in the arts, sciences, politics, or everyday life.

Parent voice committee

If you would like to sign up as a parent voice representative for your child's class then please let the office know. We would like one representative from each class if possible, we currently only have two parents that have come forward. This is a chance to work collaboratively with the school team and become a part of the parent voice committee. We look forward to working together as a committee.

PTA AGM

Our PTA team 2023-2024 would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the support you have shown.

Being part of the PTA has been a rewarding experience, but it is now time for a new team to take over for the 2024-2025 school year.

We will be holding our AGM in the coming weeks but in the meantime, if you are interested in joining the PTA, please contact the school office or reach out to the current PTA team. Your help and commitment will ensure that we can continue to organize exciting events and foster a strong sense of community for our students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Information update

1. Winter uniform – please remember that our school uniform will change to our Winter Uniform from 1st October. Please see our policy for more information.
2. Friday morning parent /pupil library sessions will re start on 18th October

Curriculum information

All year group curriculum information is on our website

Autumn Term 1

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 nd September	INSET	INSET	School Open	Beginning of term mass Meet the teacher 3.15/20pm	
2	9 th September	Topic Launch				
3	16 th September					Buddy Assembly 1
4	23 rd September		Whole school retreat		Governor morning	Buddy Assembly 2
5	30 th September	Forest school week				St Francis Feast day
6	7 th October		School safer internet day		Year 5 Prayer service	Spanish day
7	14 th October		Year 6 Prayer service	Maths day	Year 2 prayer service	Class charity day
8	21 st October	Black history week Art week	N and R open afternoon and tour 2pm	Parent consultations	Year 4 Prayer service	School coffee morning
Half term –Monday 28 th October –Friday 1 st November 2024						

REMINDERS!

1. Please remember those healthy items for packed lunches.
2. Please remember your child should be wearing their house badge every day to school. Additional badges can be purchased from the school office for 30p
3. Children are **NOT** to ride Bikes and Scooters whilst on school premises. This is still happening and can cause accidents so parents please be mindful – if this continues then bikes and scooters will be banned!
4. Children are **NOT** to play on the Adventure Trail or in the access road outside the Royal Avenue gate, as this vehicular gate is in constant use.
5. Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking near the school site.

St Joseph's is a 'NUT-FREE' Zone!

A Healthy Packed Lunch

Suggestions for food to include in a healthy packed lunch

- **At least** one portion of fruit or vegetable every day.
- Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, beans, soya or hummus), every day
- Oily fish such as pilchards, salmon or tuna
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice noodles, potatoes or other type of cereal every day.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard.
- Cereal bars rather than cakes or biscuits
- Seeds, crackers and cheese, vegetables or bread sticks with a dip

Drinks

- No drinks are to be brought into school – water is provided.
- Water bottles are to be brought on school trips – NO other drink.

FUN FRIDAY

Suggestions for food to include **ON A FUN FRIDAY** in a healthy packed lunch.

- Snacks such as crisps
- Chocolate coated biscuits or wafers **or**
- Small cake e.g. fairy cakes, cake bars, muffins **or**
- Small pudding pot e.g. chocolate mousse)

Foods that should not be brought into school (These are foods that we have already asked not to be brought into school)

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars.
- Sweets
- Nuts or nut products (although they can be healthy there is a very serious risk to other children with allergies).
- Fizzy drinks or any soft drinks.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU