



## Newsbite

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent's and Carers,

There are only 19 teaching days left of the Advent term and these last few of the year always seem to be the busiest. Last week the children in KS2 enjoyed a visit to the Cinema and we were all treated to a fabulous Class Assembly from Mr Challoner and Year 4. Thank You to all who came to watch - the children loved sharing their learning with you.

This week the Choir and I are looking forward to performing at De Montfort Hall on Friday evening and I am also looking forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

May I also draw your attention to the Diary and all of the events that are happening between now and the 22<sup>nd</sup> December. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Thank you all for your continued support as we approach the end of the Advent term.

Have a super week  
God Bless

Mrs Dedman

## Prayer - A prayer for each Sunday of Advent

My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me.

Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I can change the things that You want me to change.

Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you. Please pray for me that I may do the same.

Come, Lord Jesus,  
Come, Lord Jesus,  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!  
I love You, Jesus.  
Amen.



## Children in Need

A huge thank you to Miss Lewis and the school Council for organising the 'Bearpee' Challenge at school on November 16<sup>th</sup> - We raised £87 for Children in Need.

Looking forward to our next Charity Event 'Christmas Jumper Day' - Please avoid buying a new jumper - Swap / Share or bling up a plain jumper.

Date to be confirmed

## Playground Safety



As we are now in our winter months the Gym Equipment is now **out of use**. This is to help sustain the surface around the base of the gym equipment but also to reduce accidents that can happen as the equipment can become very slippery in wet/damp conditions.

Please refrain from allowing your children to play on this equipment before and afterschool.

Please may I ask that children are supervised in the mornings until school opens at 8.45am.

Thanking you all in advance.

## Uniform and Pre-Loved Clothes

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the school community. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers.



### SHOES and TIES

Please may I ask that **all** children wear the correct uniform; this includes black Shoes (No white/ coloured Logos or stripes) and school ties.

Our tie is the only piece of uniform that identifies us and this item of uniform is extremely important.



Ties can be purchased from the school office.



### OUTDOOR PE

Another request is that children wear the correct PE Kit.

As we are now in the Autumn term the children will need to wear tracksuits as PE will continue to be taught outside.



### COATS

Please also ensure that your child brings a coat to school. It's getting chilly at Break and Lunch Time.

**Reminder:** We also have a large selection of preloved items. Please let me know if you would like to come and take a look. [cdedman@st-josephs.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:cdedman@st-josephs.leicester.sch.uk)



# ATTENDANCE

## Evaluating Attendance so far this year

We all understand how important it is for our children to be in school as much as possible. However, the data below suggests that our school attendance is decreasing, meaning that children at St Joseph's are having more time away from school.










When deciding whether to keep children at home please take this guidance into consideration.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Attendance is incredibly important and there are close links with children not attending school and not achieving their GCSEs. Good habits start at a young age, and I want all the children from St Joseph's to be successful, so please try to keep your children in school as much as possible.

I thank you all for your support with this matter.

: Attendance for your class is falling : Attendance for your class is improving

Class	Class attendance YTD 08.09.23	Class Attendance YTD 22.09.23	Class Attendance YTD 22.11.23	
Mrs Bailey	96.3	96.8	92.7	
Mrs Abel	99.0	99.0	95.1	
Mr Crewe	98.2	95.9	94.6	
Mrs Spencer	98.0	97.0	94.9	
Mr Challoner	98.4	96.7	95.5	
Mrs Darby	85.9	88.1	93.5	
Mrs Stack	97.2	96.3	95.9	
Mrs Murray	98.9	96.4	97.1	
Whole School (This year so far)	96	95.3	94.9	
National Average YTD (Year to Date)		95.6	94.8	
		We are below National Average for attendance.	We are inline with National Average for Attendance	

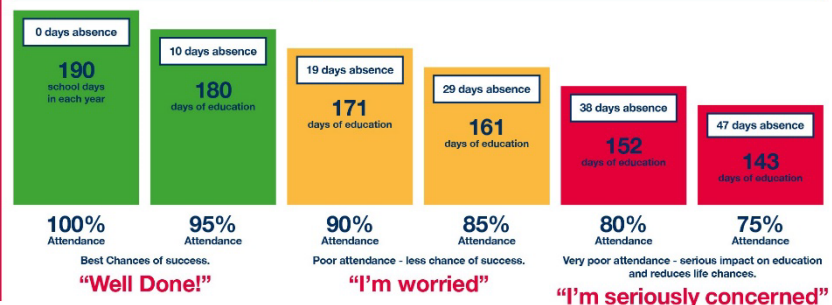
## Attendance Matters

# Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

## 175 days not in school!





## Gentle Reminders



Please may I remind you that we have a 'dog Free' playground. This include carrying them onto the school site. If you are unable to leave the dog at home please may I ask that you contact the school and advise that you would like your child bringing to the appropriate gate exit.

## Parking

A local resident contacted me last week asking me to remind our parents about polite parking. Please may I also ask that we respect our neighbours and not block their driveways on the morning 'drop off' and evening 'pick up'. Thanking you all for doing this in advance.

## Dates for the Diary

4 <sup>th</sup> December	5 <sup>th</sup> December	6 <sup>th</sup> December	7 <sup>th</sup> December	8 <sup>th</sup> December
Advent Mass				Choir to sing at Vishram Ghir  Year 1 Parents for Lunch
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec
		EYFS Nativity	Travelling Crib to arrive	Year 5/6 class Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec
Christmas Carols with Lucy	Christmas Dinner Day	KS1 Nativity	Christmas Disco	

### Message From The Friends of St Josephs

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS PRESENTS

**FREE ENTRY**

**Christmas CRAFT FAIR**

• HOT FOOD  
• CRAFT STALLS  
• GAMES / BRIC A BRAC  
• PLUS LOTS MORE

ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL  
ARMADALE DRIVE, LEICESTER. LE5 1HF

TIME 11AM TILL 2PM

**2 DEC**

### Pastoral Advice

**FACE** November 2023 Newsletter

LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

Tuesday 27 Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24

Understanding the Teenage Brain  
Why they think, feel and behave very differently from adults

Tuesday 28th Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24

What is ACT?  
Acceptance & Commitment Therapy  
How it can help with anger, anxiety and neurodiversity

Thursday 30th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24

Understanding Addictive Behaviour  
Screens, Gaming, Vaping and more

Thursday 23rd Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24

Supporting a Child with ADHD  
Interactive session exploring what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

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