

Newsbite
Friday 13th October 2023

Head Teachers Message

Dear Parent's and Carers,

I cannot believe that it is half term already, how time flies!

The children and staff have worked incredibly hard this half term and the children are all very well settled into their new class routines.

Thank you to all parents and carers who engaged with the parent meetings this week. It was lovely to catch up with and see so many of you to join us in celebrating how well your children are working.

Thank you for supporting your children this half term and I look forward to working with you all again in the second half of the Advent term. Have a wonderful half term break.

God Bless
Mrs Dedman

Year 6 Deadline for Secondary School Applications

The deadline for Year 6 parents to submit applications for a secondary school place is midnight on Tuesday, 31 October. There are still a significant number of children whose parents have not yet applied for their secondary school place.

Book Fayre Competition Winners

EYFS	Tobias Hollyman
Year 1	Maddox Grant
Year 3	Sophia D'souza
Year 4	Laney Saddington
Year 6	Freddie Brune

Congratulations to all the children who entered the Book Fayre competition. Your submissions were incredible.
Congratulations to our winners who all received book as a prize.
(No entries were received for children in year 2 and 5)

Thank you to everyone who purchased books during the Fayre, we have received £246.85. We will be purchasing more books with this money - Thank you.

Reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing.

'Scholastic Books'

Pastoral Support

As many of you will be aware Louise Toon supported the pastoral needs at St Josephs and earlier this year Collette Lewis joined our team to support many of our families.

I am now pleased to announce that Mr Virdi has been appointed as our new full time Pastoral assistant. He will be working closely with myself, Mrs Stack, Miss Maxwell and other agencies supporting the Pastoral needs of our children.

Uniform

Thank you for your uniform effort - The children are all looking very smart!

Don't forget that we have preloved items - please do pop in and ask.

Also, with the weather now turning please make sure that all children come to school with a winter/ waterproof coat - we will be playing outside and getting fresh air!

Also please make sure that you write names in their clothes - it really does help getting lost items back to the right owner!



Dogs on the Playground

A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on our school site.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24 th October	School Photographs - Please make sure that you have filled in the consent if you wish your child to be in a class photograph)
Friday 27 th October - 9am	Mrs Darby - Class Assembly
Wednesday 1 st November	Dr Bike (Bring your bike to school for a service)
Thursday 2 nd November	Cycle Skills - Year 5
	PTA Disco
Monday 6 th November	Year 6 Visit Condover Hall (All Week)
Tuesday 14 th November	Flu Vaccinations - Consent link has been sent to you
Friday, 17 th November	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Wednesday 22 nd November	KS2 Trip Cineworld, Loughborough
Friday 24 th November - 9am	Mr Challoner Class Assembly
Friday 1 st December	Menphys Carol Concert
Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Craft Fair
Monday 4 th December	Advent Mass
Friday 15 th December- 9am	Mrs Stack Class Assembly
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 21 st December	PTA Christmas Disco
Friday, 22 nd December	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

Attendance

Class	Class attendance YTD 08.09.23	Class Attendance YTD 22.09.23	Class Attendance Year to Date 12.10.23
Mrs Bailey	96.3	96.8 (Attendance is improving) 😊	95.4 ↓
Mrs Abel	99.0	99.0 😊	97.9 ↓
Mr Crewe	98.2	95.9 (Attendance is falling) 😞	95.7 ↓
Mrs Spencer	98.0	97.0 (Attendance is falling) 😞	96.8 ↓
Mr Challoner	98.4	96.7 (Attendance is falling) 😞	96.6 ↓
Mrs Darby	85.9	88.1 (Attendance is Improving) 😊	88.8 ↑
Mrs Stack	97.2	96.3 (Attendance is falling) 😞	96.3 =
Mrs Murray	98.9	96.4 (Attendance is falling) 😞	96.9 ↑
Whole School (This year so far)	96	95.3 (Attendance is falling) 😞	95.2 ↓
National Average YTD (Year to Date)		95.6	95.3 ↓
Persistent Absence			18.3% School



Well done everyone - Keep up your efforts in keeping the children at school for as many days as possible. With the winter months coming I understand that children may not feel well but please remember there are only 190 teaching days in the year!

Prayer for Half Term

We thank you Lord, for this half term.

For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new half term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen

Our Leadership Teams

Leadership at St Joseph's is incredibly important and without our leadership teams and their supporting adults many activities at St Joseph's would not happen.

Thank you for our Eco Team, Mrs Martin, Mrs Ashmore and Mrs Davies

The Eco Team meet regularly to think of ways to care for the environment and the world around us. Pupils in the Eco Team are passionate about ways in which they can make a difference. The Eco Team continues help us to maintain our Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. We are very proud of our work within school.



Year 3	Georgina Armechin & Isla-Rose Tinsley
Year 4	Modupeoluwa Adenle & Estelle Asowata
Year 5	Isaac Milne & Aoife Walker
Year 5/6	Izzabella Tomlinson & George Potter
Year 6	Finn Moore & Jude Phillips

Gardening Club - Niamh Groves, Reggie Jayes, Rosa La Menza, Issac Lancashire, Issac Dixon, Harvey Harper, Esther Fadahunsi & Elijah Fadahunsi.

Thank you for our Chaplaincy Team and Miss Lucy

Our chaplaincy team supports Liturgy, prayer and the spiritual life of the school. They involve pupils in fundraising for charities. They are also building an awareness for social justice and the needs of the poor in our school and wider community.



Year 3	Eden Whittle & Isabella Wragg
Year 4	Finley Tyrrell Damian Guedes
Year 5	Isla Mobbs & Alexandra Zaleski
Year 5/6	Roisin Hares & Caitlin Tallon
Year 6	Maria Ruffin & Okhaema Joel & Jude Phillips

Thank You for our School Council and Miss Lewis

Our school council is a group of children that represents the views of all our pupils. It gives our children the opportunity to have their voices heard and be part of the whole school community. They help to make decisions about school life and organise projects that support learning and development. This term they have worked hard at making sure we are making the right food choices and helping us to stay healthy walking to school and giving out WOW badges.

Year 2	Aziyah Byfield & Eadie-Lynn Sergent
Year 3	Tiana Jiya & Joshua Jolly Mangaly
Year 4	Xavier Monaghan & Arabella Paige
Year 5	Nicholas Sithole & Kiyrah Byfield
Year 5/6	Isabella Snelders & Francesco Guedes
Year 6	Ella D'Souza & Lola Peel

Thank you for our House Captains and Vice Captains



Our House captains and Vice Captains help us to make the right choices supporting our behaviour systems and supporting our house events - I wonder which house will collect the most dojos this year?

Houses	House Captains	Vice Captains
Gryffindor	Isabella Snelders	Daniel-Jacob Tuitt
Ravenclaw	Nicole-Mary Ebohon	Chandan Basran
Hufflepuff	Aaron Odedra	Faith Shipley
Slytherin	Isaiah Madeya	Melodie Kneeland

Watch this space for their reports on their work.

Safeguarding

Staying safe is important during the school holidays.

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holiday please contact the Local Authority

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/contact-us/concerned-about-a-child-or-an-adult/>

Telephone: 0116 454 1004 (24hour service) or contact the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.