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Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parent's and Carers,

We have had a busy fortnight at St Joseph's and the children are all now fullysettled back into the school routine. The children are working very hard and this is reflected in their books and articulation of their learning. I really do enjoy Friday Celebration assembly when the children tell me all about their learning. Congratulations to our Girls football team too. What a fantastic start to the season. Well done.

I have also been busy this week checking school uniform and monitoring school attendance. I'd like to thank you all for your hard work and effort; ensuring the children are in school and in the correct uniform. Please do not forget that we have a lot of preloved items available to share, just pop in and ask.

We also welcome Colette Lewis to our team. As part of our Pastoral offer Colette will be available to support families at school and at home.. If you would like to speak with Colette please feel free to contact her directly colettelewis@adoption-focus.org.uk (Previously known as Faith in Families) or myself cdedman@st-josephs.leicester.sch.uk.

Please do make a note of the events that are happening this term and I look forward to seeing you all for parents' evening on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd of October 2023.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Dedman

Prayer from Pope Francis

God, Father Almighty,
grant us the grace to work tirelessly
for justice, solidarity and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy
the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.
Grant us the courage to denounce
all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice
that mars the beauty of your children
and the harmony of our common home.
Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,
so that we can reflect your tender love
to every migrant whom you place in our path,
and to spread in hearts and in every situation
the culture of encounter and of care.

LACY BIG SING 2023

We at Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) are holding a Big Sing at St Patrick's Church, Leicester on Sunday 1st October at 4pm. It is an opportunity to share our faith and celebrate our talents through music and singing.

We would love it if you could encourage pupils and staff from your schools to support and attend this uplifting event as it would be great to have groups of pupils to represent each school in the Thomas Aquinas trust.

We thought it would be lovely if on the day pupils could sing a hymn that they are all familiar with - 'Bread of life' by Boyce and Stanley. We know this is a hymn often used during singing, assemblies and masses in school and pupils will be able to sing along (some with actions).

We welcome anyone who plays an instrument to join our folk group and bring along percussion instruments to use during the event. Schools choirs/orchestras are welcome to sing/play favourite hymns. If you have any questions about the event or would like to be involved in playing with the folk group or singing as a choir, please contact: Pauline Payne email – paulinepayne@hotmail.com - tel number: 07885 187374.

We would really love to see you there!

Best wishes,

The LACY team.

Safeguarding Updates

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than 1.5 billion active users exchanging text, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. It's also a secure and encrypted messaging app, which means that messages sent via WhatsApp are encrypted and can only be read by the sender and the recipient. This privacy has been the highlight recently for WhatsApp's end-to-end encryption and its ability to keep messages secure. However, this privacy also means that WhatsApp is not subject to the same level of oversight as other messaging services.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS
WhatsApp's popularity makes it a tempting target for scammers. Scammers use various tactics to trick users into giving up their personal information, such as pretending to be a friend or family member in need of help. They may also use fake profiles to lure users into scams.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
WhatsApp's 'add to contacts' feature means that anyone can add you to their contacts without your permission. This means that you may receive messages from people you don't know, which can be a risk if you are not careful.

FAKE NEWS
WhatsApp's 'share' feature makes it easy to spread fake news. Fake news stories can be spread quickly and easily, and can cause panic and confusion. It's important to be careful of what you share on WhatsApp, and to check the source of any news stories before sharing them.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASIS CAUTION
Encourage your child to be cautious when typing messages. They should not share personal information, such as their name, address, or phone number, with anyone they don't know. They should also be careful of what they share with friends, as this information can be shared with others without their permission.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS
It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings to 'Private'. This means that only people who are in your child's contacts can add them to their contacts. This helps to protect your child's privacy and ensures that they are not being added to groups or shared with others without their permission.

MEET OUR EXPERT
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Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's leading body for interactive entertainment, UKIE, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK, and which should be avoided, is a task that should be shared between you and your child. Games should be chosen that are appropriate for your child's age and interests, and that do not contain any inappropriate content. Games should also be chosen that are safe to play, and that do not require the child to share personal information or make purchases.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks during gaming. Encourage your child to take breaks every hour, and to get up and move around during these breaks. This helps to prevent eye strain and other health issues, and also helps to ensure that your child is not spending too much time gaming.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and it's important to agree spending limits with your child. Discuss with your child how much they are willing to spend on games, and agree a limit that is reasonable for your family. Encourage your child to be careful of in-game purchases, and to avoid spending money on virtual items that have no real-world value.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games, and it's important to discuss these ratings with your child. Explain to your child that age ratings are there to protect them from games that are not suitable for their age. Encourage your child to only play games that are appropriate for their age, and to avoid playing games that are rated 18 or above.

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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 black Shoes (No white/ coloured Logos or stripes) and school Our tie is the only piece of uniform that identifies us and this uniform is extremely important.



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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

ATTENDANCE

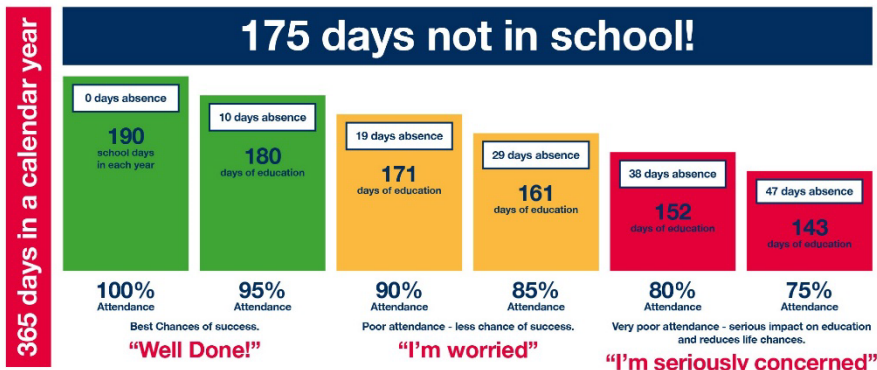
Class	Class attendance YTD 08.09.23	Class Attendance YTD 22.09.23	
Mrs Bailey	96.3	96.8 (Attendance is improving)	😊
Mrs Abel	99.0	99.0	😊
Mr Crewe	98.2	95.9 (Attendance is falling)	😞
Mrs Spencer	98.0	97.0 (Attendance is falling)	😞
Mr Challoner	98.4	96.7 (Attendance is falling)	😞
Mrs Darby	85.9	88.1 (Attendance is Improving)	😊
Mrs Stack	97.2	96.3 (Attendance is falling)	😞
Mrs Murray	98.9	96.4 (Attendance is falling)	😞
Whole School (This year so far)	96	95.3 (Attendance is falling)	😞
National Average YTD (Year to Date)		95.6	
		We are below National Average for attendance.	



Congratulations Mrs Abels class – Keep up the great attendance

Good attendance means...

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



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 25 th September	Year 6 Condoover Hall Meeting 3.15pm
Wednesday 27 th September	Year 2 Sports Festival
Monday 2 nd October	Harvest Mass 2pm (All Welcome)
Monday 9 th October	Parent Meeting
Tuesday 10 th October	Parent Meeting
Wednesday 1 st November	Dr Bike (Bring your bike to school for a service)
Thursday 2 nd November	Cycle Skills - Year 5
Monday 6 th November	Year 6 Visit Condoover Hall (All Week)
Wednesday 22 nd November	KS2 Trip Cineworld, Loughborough
Friday 1 st December	Menphys Carol Concert
Monday 4 th December	Advent Mass

Congratulations Girls

Can't say how brilliant our girl footballers were this evening, not just in the football they played - winning 3 and losing 1 - but their attitude and the way they approached the game was a joy to watch. They did St Joseph's proud.



St Paul's Year 7 Open Evening

Yr 7 Open Evening - Wednesday 27th September 5pm - 7pm. Come and meet us! "There is a strong family atmosphere in this inclusive school" - Ofsted January 2023



Can you Help ? Posters and PostCards - Distribution and Display



Dear Parents/Carers,

We know that choosing the right school for your child can be an overwhelming decision with so many factors to take into account.

Here at St Joseph's we constantly strive for excellence in learning and recognise the importance of providing a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum. We plan learning opportunities based on the premise that every individual is capable of achieving and should be challenged to do their very best. We recognise the importance of nurturing positive relationships and encourage all of our pupils to develop a sense of self-respect, respect for others and for all life.

St Joseph's is a school we are all proud of. The governors, staff and I are committed to maintaining a happy and friendly learning environment where all members of the community can flourish and succeed.

Mrs Claire Peterson - Headteacher



At St Joseph's
WE LOVE, WE LEARN
WE RESPECT, WE FORGIVE



Do you own a business, work for an organisation or know someone who would like to help promote our school?

This may be a nursery, playgroup, dentist, doctors surgery, hospital, Local shop/Business or library.

If you can help please contact the school office to arrange a collection.

Thank you all in advance.



Message from the Friends of St Joseph's

We have registered the FOSJ on easyfundraising. This is an app that you download, and you shop through, and then the FOSJ receives a % from the supplier.

Thank you all in advance - Lets see how much money we can raise.

Turn your daily shopping into everyday magic for us with easyfundraising

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