



Newsbite Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parent's and Carers,

When I write my newsletter, I enjoy reflecting on all the fabulous learning and activities that the children have enjoyed over the past two weeks. Every fortnight I am always surprised with the amount and quality of work achieved by the children. The standard of their work is superb, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our school with this. You are the children's first educators, and they need your support and guidance first and foremost to succeed in the ways that they do at St Joseph's; Thank you.

The children have enjoyed learning about the Virtue Charity over the past two weeks. They have demonstrated their understanding of this in many ways. Through their kindness towards one another, holding doors open and caring for their environment. Jesus told us to 'Love one another, as I have loved you' and this is being reflected within our whole school community. As we continue to learn about the Catholic Virtues please do ask the children questions about them. This in turn will support their understanding as we guide them in being the best that they can be. Next week will be learning about Faith and what this means.

Next week we will be participating in the 'Colour Dash' for the Charity 'Leicester Children's Holidays'. As a community we benefit from this valuable Charity and I do hope that you will all be able to support this event; contributions are very much needed however big or small, every little helps. Don't forget that your children will need old clothes in a bag to wear on Friday afternoon.

Lastly, thank you to everyone working hard and supporting us with school attendance. We all understand the importance of this. If you do have any worries about sending your child to school with a cold, sore throat, earache etc - please do contact the school office who will gladly support you with the administration of medicine.

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Dedman

Prayer



Reflect, today, upon whatever it is that causes you the most anxiety, worry and fear in your life. Allow Jesus to speak to you, to call you to faith and to rebuke those troubles gently but firmly. When you have faith in God, you can endure all things. Jesus endured the Cross. The disciples eventually endured their crosses. God wants to strengthen you, too. Let Him speak to you so that you will overcome whatever is most troublesome to your heart.

My loving Shepherd, You know all things. You know my heart and the difficulties I face in life. Give me the courage I need, dear Lord, to face every temptation to fear with confidence and trust in You. Bring clarity to my mind and peace to my troubled heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
03.05.24	Whole School 'Colour Dash' Event
10.05.24	Year 6 Parent Lunch
13.05.24	KS2 SATS Week
20.05.24	Pentecost Mass
24.05.24	Emerald Centre Quiz Night
04.07.24	Summer Disco
03.07.24	Year 6 Transition
08.07.24	Leavers Mass

Other Notices

Measles

Anyone who hasn't had two doses of MMR vaccine can get their vaccination now - either from their GP or on the mobile vaccination unit that is going around different areas in the city.

Vaccination centre dates and locations:

- Saturday 4 May: Loughborough Market (10am to 4pm) (outside the Halifax) Swann Street, Loughborough LE11 5BS
- Wednesday 8 May: Anstey Surgery (10am to 2pm), 21A The Nook, Anstey, Leicester LE7 7AZ,



Applications for Free school Meals

If you think that you may be eligible for a Free school Meal - Please contact the school office

School:office@st-josephs.leicester.sch.uk or 0116 2416197

Eligible children moving from a Leicester primary school to a Leicester secondary school do not need to apply, it will automatically be transferred to the new school.



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Thursday 25th April



Join Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE for an online session that explores this topic and challenges stereotypes.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

(7pm to 9pm) £24

Book now via the website



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CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

National Standards CPD accredited sessions

All sessions booked & delivered online via facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Thursday
2 May

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Monday
13 May

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes can lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Monday
20 May

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

Improve your understanding and communication with your teen. Why they think, feel and behave very differently from adults.

Tuesday
21 May

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Raising Self-Esteem

How to support healthy self-esteem in your children and yourself. Easy to apply interventions shared.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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The Emerald Centre, Leicester



The Senior Citizens are off again

Can you Help?

Here at The Emerald Centre, we run a luncheon club for senior citizens every Wednesday. Do you know of any retired school cooks or anyone who can cook that would be interested in volunteering a couple of hours a week down here?

If you can help, please contact the Emerald Centre: Details below

07980344883 or email emeraldcentre@yahoo.co.uk

Stafying Safe: Learn Live Network Rail



I have been made aware of an increasing number of incidents of trespass on the railway lines close to our school. As a result I am sharing with you a link to a resource that will support discussions at home.

[Network Rail Key Stage 1 primary school safety talk – Learn Live \(learnliveuk.com\)](https://www.learnliveuk.com/)

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Attendance

Class	Class attendance YTD End of Advent Term	Class Attendance YTD End of Lent Term	Class Attendance Week Ending 12 th April	Class Attendance Today 26 th April 2024	Class Attendance Year to Date
Mrs Bailey	93.4	93.1 ↓	100%	95.6%	93.6%
Mrs Abel	95.1	94.3 ↓	91.7%	95.0%	94.4%
Mr Crewe	94.6	94.2 ↓	90%	90.0%	94.4%
Mrs Spencer	93.3	94.3 ↑	94.1%	97.1%	93.4%
Mr Challoner	95.4	95.7 ↑	93.9%	97.0%	95.7%
Mrs Darby	93.1	93.5 ↑	89.3%	100%	93.4%
Mrs Stack	95.6	95.0 ↓	92%	92.0%	94.6%
Mrs Murray	96.9	96.1 ↓	96.3%	77.8%	95.7
Whole School (This year so far)			93.5%	93.7%	93.7%
National Average YTD (Year to Date)					94.3%

Persistent Absence at St Joseph's

A persistent absent student is defined as a student who has 10% or more absence and who is aged between 5-15 years old.

At Present there are currently **17.1%** of children at school who are classed as Persistently absent. This equates to **37** children out of 216.

In comparison to National Persistnet Absence data which is currently at **17.1%**

To find out what your childs attendance is - Please have a look at your Arbor App or ask in the school office.