



St Joseph's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER



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'Christ be our Light'

February 2024

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Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a great half-term break, I cannot believe we are already half way through the school year, we look forward to the warmer days and lighter nights approaching this term.

We welcome Miss Amy Brown to our St. Joseph's team, she has joined us as a teaching assistant and will be based predominately in KS2.

As always, we have an action-packed term planned, this newsletter will outline some of the key events to look forward to. Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events, Mrs Birrell.

CAFOD The Big Lent Walk



During Lent we stand in solidarity with communities around the world supporting CAFOD and 'The Big Lent Walk'. Children will spend 5 minutes each day during Lent walking around the school grounds, we will add up their total miles walked. We ask for children to bring in small donations during Lent to support this worthy cause. We will be sure to keep you updated with our total miles walked and collection totals.

St. Joseph's Day 19th March

We would like to invite all our families and parishioners to our St. Joseph's Day whole school Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday 19th March at 9.30am. Following Mass, there will be a celebration coffee and cake morning in our school hall – all families, friends and parishioners are welcome. Following school tradition, children are invited to bring daffodils into school on St. Joseph's Day to decorate church for Mass, which we then take to our local care homes. In the afternoon, we will be hosting our St. Joseph's Talent show contest, we look forward to seeing the showcase of talents provided by our wonderful children this year. It will be a wonderful day!

Careers Week & World Book Day!

National Careers week will take place from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March 2024. We already have a range of volunteers coming in to school to talk about their jobs and careers. If you feel you would like to come to school to talk about your job, please contact the school office and ask for Miss Kelly.

This year World Book Day falls in Careers Week on Thursday 7th March 2024. The theme this year is 'Read Your Way'. In order to combine both careers and World Book Day, we would like to invite children to 'dress your way' – children can dress up as their chosen career e.g. a doctor, a vet, or they can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

This will be a great week/day, any questions please ask your class teacher.



Book Fair

The Book fair will be in school from Monday 4th March to Thursday 7th March. The book fair is open for you to visit each afternoon at collection time.

We accept both cash and card payments for the Book fair. The children can also use World Book Day vouchers at the fair.

Parents Evening Dates

Invitations to parents evening will be sent out on the MCAS App in the next few days. Consultations will take place on Monday 18th and Monday 25th of March. Due to positive feedback from parents in the Autumn term, we will organise consultations in the same way:

- Year 6 meetings will take place in Class 10 & 11, please enter via the stable yard, through the gate directly into Class 11.
- Class 2 & Nursery meetings will take place in Nursery, please enter via the Nursery entrance on Ragworth Road.
- All other classes meetings will take place in the school hall, please enter via the Stable Yard.

Our parents' evenings are always very well attended, we thank you for your continued support. Please contact the school office for any queries around consultations.

Dates for the Diary (Please check MCAS for reminders)

23rd Feb – Class 10 Assembly – 9:10am
Year 6 Bikeability

26th Feb – Class 7 swimming all week
Class 6 Starbooks – 8:40am

27th Feb – Class 7 Starbooks – 8:40am

28th Feb – Class 8 Starbooks – 8:40am

29th Feb – Class 9 Starbooks – 8:40am
UKS2 Mass – 9:30am

1st Mar – Class 10 & 11 Starbooks – 8:40am
Class 9 Candletime – 9am
Year 6 London Trip (2nd)

4th Mar – Class 7 swimming all week
Careers Week
Book Fair (until the 7th)

5th Mar – Year 5/6 Netball Competition

7th Mar – World Book Day
KS1 Mass – 9:30am

8th Mar – Class 7 Assembly - 9:10am

11th Mar – FHC Preparation Session (after school)

14th Mar – British Science Week
St Cuthbert's House Mass – 9:30am

15th Mar – Class 5 Candletime – 9am
Class 7 trip – RSPB Saltholme

18th Mar – Whole School Parents Evening

19th Mar – St Joseph's Feast Day
Whole School Mass – 9:30am/celebration in hall

21st Mar – World Poetry Day

22nd Mar – Class 2 trip – RSPB Saltholme

25th Mar – Whole School Parents Evening

26th Mar – Class 6 trip – Tees Barrage

27th Mar – EYFS Easter Bedtime Stories 4:15pm

27th – 28th Mar – Year 4 Carlton Residential

28th Mar – LK2 Mass – 9:30am
School Breaks up for the Easter Holidays

15th Apr – School re-opens
FHC Preparation Session (after school)

17th Apr – Class 4 trip – Locomotion

18th Apr – UKS2 Mass – 9:30am

19th Apr – Class 3 Candletime – 9am

Circumstance Checker

If your circumstances have recently changed and you think your child may be eligible for benefit related free school meals, please contact the school office and we can check this for you. If your child is already in receipt of universal free school meals (KS1 and Reception) please still check as you may be entitled to other support.

Parking

May we remind you not to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside of the school gate on Ragworth Road. The lines are there to ensure the safety of the children and families. When the weather is wet and cold it is tempting to park close to school but please consider the consequences of these actions.

Joe Zone – After School Wraparound Care

Sessions are as follows
3:15pm – 4:00pm (£3)
3:15pm – 4:45pm (£6)
3:15pm – 5:30pm (£9)

All sessions need to be booked at least 24 hours in advance via our MCAS App. We cannot make telephone bookings on the day for that evening.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

Freya J
Clarice C
Yelaere O
George L
Eleanor G
Beatrice K
Michelle A
Joseph K
Arabella B
Darcy W
Phoebe M
Eliza McC
Olivia W
Eilidh S
George W
Alexander O-H
Scarlett S
Lilly-Ann Mck
Isabelle W
Poppy R
Arlo S
Jude W
Charlie B