



St Joseph's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER



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'Christ be our Light'

January 2024

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Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, it has been a pleasure to see the children coming back to school so happily, they have settled straight back into school life and are working so hard in class. You will shortly receive class newsletters which outlines what the children will be learning this term in all subjects, as always if you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

We Welcome Mrs Rachael Storr to our teaching team this year, Rachel has a wealth of experience and will be teaching across the school. We also welcome Mrs Angela Ferguson who will be working in our after school 'Joe Zone' club. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them both to our school family.

Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events, Mrs Birrell.

A Year of Prayer

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated by Pope Francis as a 'Year of Prayer'. To launch a Year of Prayer in school, we would like to invite our school families to join us to visit some prayer stations with their children which will be set up in the school hall. The aim is to provide a quiet time for prayer and reflection. The prayer stations will be open in the school hall 8.40am - 9.00am, each morning from Monday 29th January to 2nd February. If you would like to visit, please enter through the school playground or the Stable Yard entrance. Timetable is as follows:

- 29th Jan – Prayer Stations for families of class 11 & class 2
- 30th Jan – Prayer Stations for families of class 10 & class 3
- 31st Jan – Prayer Stations for families of class 9 & class 4
- 1st Feb – Prayer Stations for families of class 8 & class 5
- 2nd Feb – Prayer Stations for families of class 7 & class 6

Storytelling Week

The theme of National Storytelling week this year is 'Dream up a World'. There will be lots of story themed events and activities happening across the week including reading buddies, library visits, and author events. During English lessons children will be writing their own fantasy stories based on 'Dream up a World' – we look forward to sharing these with you.

Enrichment Clubs!

We are happy to announce that our club enrichment offer will be open to pupils again, we will introduce some new clubs this term including;

Enterprise – where children will have the opportunity to run their own business in school.

Children's News – children will prepare newspaper reports and podcasts on events in school.

You will receive all club options via the App in the next few days, please remember to sign up!

Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts over the Christmas period. We were overwhelmed with the amount of donations for our Christmas Raffle, your generosity allowed us to raise £416 for school funds which help provide extra resources and educational visits for all our children across the year. Additionally, over £2100 was raised from the Reindeer Run which has been shared equally between the Ellen Timney Foundation and The Butterwick Hospice.

Will you turn Blue Monday bright?

The 3rd Monday in January is known as Blue Monday due to the dark nights, cold weather and post-Christmas blues, leading to an increase in mental health issues. On Monday 15th January we will join the Headlight Projects' 'Blue Monday' annual awareness campaign. The aim of the day is to raise awareness and give people a reason to smile. We ask children to wear something bright on the day and bring a voluntary donation of £1 to school, which will be given directly to the Headlight Project.

Careers Week

In March we will participate in National Careers week. We love to have visitors into school to talk about their jobs and careers. We would like to invite any parents, friends or family members who would like to come into school and inspire the next generation! If you are interested please contact Miss Kelly via the school office.

Dates for the Diary (Please check MCAS for reminders)

15th Jan – Turn Blue Monday Bright (Wear bright clothes)

16th Jan – EYFS Sports Festival

18th Jan – KS1 Mass – 9:30am

19th Jan – Class 10 Candletime - 9am

23rd Jan – Year 3/4 Netball Skills

24th -26th Jan – Year 5 Youth Village Residential

25th Jan – LKS2 Mass – 9:30am

26th Jan – Class 5 Assembly – 9:10am

29th Jan – National Story Telling Week

1st Feb – UKS2 Mass – 9:30am

2nd Feb – Class 6 Candletime – 9am

5th Feb – Children’s Mental Health Week

FHC Preparation Session (after school)

6th Feb – Safer Internet Day

8th Feb – KS1 Mass – 9:30am

AM Nursery Stay & Play – 10:30am

EYFS Stay & Play – 2pm

9th Feb – School breaks up for half term holidays

19th Feb – School re-opens

Class 2 Starbooks – 8:40am

19th Feb – 21st Feb – Year 6 Bikeability

20th Feb – Class 3 Starbooks – 8:40am

21st Feb – Class 4 Starbooks – 8:40am

LKS2 Mass – 9:30am

Year 5 Bikeability

22nd Feb – Class 5 Starbooks – 8:40am

Year 6 Bikeability

23rd Feb – Class 10 Assembly – 9:10am

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

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

18th Mar – Whole School Parents Evening

19th Mar – St Joseph’s Feast Day

21st Mar – Whole School Mass – 9:30am

World Poetry Day

25th Mar – Whole School Parents Evening

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

We are so proud....



We are beyond proud of Myanna in Y6 who over the holidays had 10 inches of her hair chopped off to donate to the Princess Trust. This is her second donation in 16 months, the first donation was over 22 inches of hair and raised over £600 for the charity. What a wonderful thing to do - well done Myanna, your kindness is outstanding!

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Well done to Thea, Ezra, Emily, Alfie and Daniel who were part of the cast in ‘The Nativity’ pantomime at Unique Art Theatre School. Many of our staff were lucky enough to watch the performance and were all mesmerised by the show and by the talent of these young children. Hollywood stars of the future!

Pupil Parliament

Congratulations to Leila in Class 9 who was chosen as St. Joseph’s Pupil Parliament Representative. All 35 schools in The Bishop Hogarth Trust have a school representative, this week they all met for the first time. Their aim is to represent, unite and make a difference. We look forward to seeing how they progress throughout the year. Well Done Leila, we are so proud you are representing our school.

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! January/February

Abigail C	Dylan S
Sophie B	Pearl C
Lily C	Thea C
Harry S	Lottie W-H
Emily C	Teddy B
Luca H	Henry H
Florence C	Isla A
James O	Eva R
Jasmine M	Ted R
Effie R	Ethan T
Freddie T	Reece S
Tiberius G	Jacob G
Aoife R	Ethan C
Daniel C	Alfie C
Reece D	Jack F
Wren B	Sienna H
Charlotte C	Heath D
Emily W	Belle G
Harry G	Archie K
Nathan C	Hugo S-T
Isla P	Darcy H
Emmie D	Olivia-Mae G