



St Joseph's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER



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'Christ Be Our Light'

St. Joseph's Curriculum

March/April 2023

Welcome Back to Summer Term

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to some lighter, brighter days. Once again we have an extremely busy half term ahead, with two bank holidays and statutory assessments thrown in for good measure. Thank you for your continued support during our recent Catholic Schools Inspection. We were thrilled with the outcome, and grateful for all the positive responses we received from your surveys. Should you ever have any concerns, please come and talk to any member of our SLT – we would much rather keep the lines of communication open and support you rather than hear about any difficulties you or your child might be encountering, in survey results. We are unable to support your anonymised concerns, so please contact us if we can help in any way.

Please be reminded that school will be open as usual on both strike days this half term. Best wishes, *Mrs Dowson*.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



End of KS2 SATs Tests

Our Year 6 pupils have been working extremely hard for the past 6 years and are currently revising so that they feel confident with the upcoming SATs. Whilst we all know that the SATs results do not define our children, we want to encourage them to do their very best in order to prepare them for the next stage in their educational journey. It is important to us, that our children leave St. Joseph's as well rounded, confident young people. Thank you to our parents for your support and encouragement at home.

SATs Dates

Tuesday 9th May -- English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling papers 1 & 2

Wednesday 10th May – English Reading

Thursday 11th May – Mathematics papers 1 & 2

Friday 12th May 2022 – Mathematics paper 3

Please remember that Y6 pupils can come into school at 8.30am for 'Bright Start' club, free of charge.

As a school community, we will keep all of our children in our prayers as they embark upon this rite of passage.

King Charles III Coronation

On Friday 5th May we would like to invite the children to wear red, white and blue clothing to school in celebration of the coronation. As always this is optional, and should the children wish to wear their uniform or PE kit they can do so.

Our British themed lunch menu will be Fish and Chips followed by jelly and ice cream. Should anyone wish to stay for lunch who usually has packed lunch, please contact the school office.

During the day we will be learning about King Charles, his life, the monarchy and coronation. We will have fun and game in the afternoon with a picnic and party in the school field.

Parent's Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all who attended parents evening consultations. We value our families as their children's first educators and we appreciate your continued support through their journey at St Joseph's.

If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher and see their books.

Year 6 Residential

This year we are thrilled to be able to take our Year 6 pupils on a residential trip to Hawes End Centre, Cumbria Outdoors. Deposits have now been paid and further payments can be made directly through our payment app Scopay at any time until the 12th June.

Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our recent fundraising. The Mini Vinnies, Chaplains and School Council did an amazing job of organising these events to help others.

Turkey/Syria Appeal - £556.24

Fairtrade Fortnight - £52.00

Easter Raffle - £303

CAFOD Lenten Appeal – £97.00

Year 4 Residential to Carlton

Our Year 4 pupils had a fabulous time at their very first residential trip to Carlton. They took part in a variety of activities including; rock climbing, gully walking, den building and orienteering. Their behaviour was impeccable throughout the two days. Many thanks to our staff for taking time away from their own families to allow our children to have such wonderful experiences.

March

Jorgie D
Charlie B
Darcy W
Arabella B
Ellena Mc
Isabelle W
George W
Joseph K
Scarlet C-S
Eleanor G
Beatrice K
Eilidh S
Jude W
Ryan S
Lilly-Ann Mc
Scarlett S
Eliza Mc
Alexander O-H

Jose Mc
George L
Arlo S
Poppy R
Olivia W
Isabelle W
Phoebe M

April

Myla H
Mabel S
James B
Nancy M
Eden B
Henry K
Evan R
Martha S
Willow S
Ada-Mae W
Morgan R
Jennifer W
Alexander H
Amber B
Zion M
Francesca T

Preloved Uniform

Pre-Loved uniform is available all year round. We have a large amount of nearly new school uniform in a wide range of sizes which has kindly been donated by parents. To request any uniform along with sizes, please complete the form located at the school office and we will arrange to provide this for you. Alternatively, you can email your requests to wellbeing@stjosephsnorton.bhcet.org.uk or contact the school office on 01642 360401. Items and prices are listed below.

Item	Cost
Blazer	£5.00
Skirt	£3.00
Pinafore	£3.00
Tie	50p
Trousers	50p
Shirt	50p
Cardigan	£3.00
Jumper	£3.00
P.E Jumper	£2.00

Please be reminded that the wearing of jewellery or earrings is not permitted in school. This includes clear ear-piercing retainers.

Diary Dates

April

Thurs 20th April – LKS2 Mass 9.30am.

Mon 24th April – FHC Preparation Session 3:15-4:30pm

Sun 30th April – FHC liturgy at Sunday Mass 10:30am

Mon 1st May – **School closed for Bank Holiday**

Thurs 4th May – KS1 & Recp Mass 9:30am

Fri 5th May – Coronation Celebrations in school

Mon 8th May – **School closed for Bank Holiday**

Tues 9th May – Fri 12th May Y6 SATS

Thurs 11th May – LKS2 Mass 9:30am

Mon 15th May – **Year 2 SATS**

Thurs 18th May – UKS2 Mass 9:30am

Reception Stay & Play 2 – 3pm

Mon 22nd May – Year 6 Parliament Visit

Tues 23rd May – Class 5 'Starbooks' Event 8:40am

Wed 24th May – Class 4 'Starbooks' Event 8:40am

Thurs 25th May – Class 3 'Starbooks' Event 8:40am

KS1 & Recp Mass 9:30am

Nursery Stay & Play

Fri 26th May – Class 2 'Starbooks' Event 8:40am

School breaks up for half term holiday

Mon 5th June – School reopens

Attendance

Good school attendance is of great importance if children are to learn and have the aspiration to achieve. We would like to remind parents/guardians that it is a legal requirement for children to attend school on a regular basis. The impact of missing school at such a young age has been proven to affect their education. We would therefore ask for your continued support in making sure that your child attends school regularly, and on time. Class attendance percentages for March are as follows:

Class 2 - 93.2% Class 3 - 92.9% Class 4 - 91.2%
Class 5 - 93.2% Class 6 - 95.8% Class 7 - 97.7%
Class 8 - 95.4% Class 9 - 95.4% Class 10 - 98.4%
Class 11 - 95.8%

Well done to class 10 with an amazing 98.4% and class 7 with 97.7%. Let's see if we can achieve our school target of 97%.

Spotlight on Personal Development

The aim of our Personal Development Curriculum is to enable our children to become healthy, independent and responsible members of our society. It supports children with their personal and social development, and develops their understanding of the moral, social and cultural aspects of society and life. We provide our children with opportunities to learn about rights, responsibilities and appreciate what it means to be a member of a diverse community. Our children are encouraged to develop their sense of self-worth by playing a positive role in contributing to school life and the wider community.

Our Personal Development Curriculum encompasses many elements including; the PSHE/RSE curriculum, the Catholic life of the school, the teaching of British values, pupil voice, sporting events, school clubs, the wider curriculum including trips and residential, our school Enrichment Passport, careers education, the positive praise culture throughout the school and through the teaching of our character virtues.

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Meet the Teacher – Miss Houghton Class 11

Miss Houghton joined us at St. Joseph's in September 22 and teaches some of our Year 6 pupils in Class 11. She studied History at Lancaster University before completing a PGCE in Primary Ed at the University of Cumbria. She is in her 7th year of teaching, and in her previous schools she has taught all year groups across Key Stage 1 and 2.

Throughout her time as a teacher Miss Houghton has led a variety of different curriculum subjects, at St Joseph's Miss Houghton uses her passion for humanities as our History and Geography Subject Lead.

Miss Houghton will be taking a short break from St. Joseph's in June, when she leaves school temporarily to have her baby. We wish her the very best of luck and look forward to meeting her little one.

Chicks

During March we welcomed chicks to their temporary home at St Joseph's. We were thrilled that all 7 of our eggs hatched successfully and were met by some extremely excited children. The children learned how to take care of them and were taught to handle them with gentle care. Our Early Years children selected the chick names of Lollipop, Crunchie, Malteser, Cherry, Fudge, Sherbet and Oreo!

We teach our children from a young age about our Fundamental British Values and the arrival of our chicks was a great opportunity to teach our younger children about caring for others and that their thoughts are listened to and valued.