



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



# JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2024

*'Walk in the Light of Christ'*

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year!

It was wonderful to welcome many of you to our Christmas events and the attendance and response to the Carol Service, Nativities and End of Term Assembly was lovely. We look forward to inviting you to the events at the end of this term. There are still a number of parents who have still not downloaded MCAS. It is essential that you do so as this is the main way means of communication and that trips, dinners etc are paid for. Please contact Mrs Swainston in the office if you require further support with this.

I am aware that the New Build has been a long time in the waiting and no-one is more frustrated than me with the postponements. I am assured that it is now moving forward and will start within the next few months, fingers crossed.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the information provided in the newsletter, please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

Yours thankfully,

Mrs R Whyte  
Headteacher

## Fundraising and Charity Work

Thank you for your generosity with the events before Christmas. We raised over £1,200, some of which will help to reduce the cost for our Year 6 families with the Carlton Residential later this term. Thank you also for the contributions for Wear it Pink and Gold Day, £400 raised, The Poppy Appeal, £287 raised and contributions for The Food Bank.

## Community Ambassadors and Mini Vinnies

The views and opinions of our pupils are very important in the decision making of our school. We have various ways of obtaining their views including Pupil Voice and Questionnaires. The Community Ambassadors, which incorporates Eco-Warriors, Fair Trade, Rights Respecting Steering Group and Student Council is led by Mrs Linley. In addition to this, Mrs Dybell leads our Mini Vinnies who contribute to the Catholic Life, Collective Worship and RE aspects of our school. If you have any contributions or questions regarding both groups, please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

## Parent View and Website

A link for the Parent Questionnaire will be sent out via email this term. There was a very positive response to this last year and we hope to have the same again. The website has now changed provider and Mr. Scrimshaw, website lead, has worked very hard updating it as some information was lost during the changeover. All newsletters and correspondence with parents is available on the website, as is information in regard to the curriculum. Please can parents view this and let us know if you have any further suggestions.

## Sports and Whole School Events

Schools Sports Partnership events continue to take place this term. If your child is attending an event, you will receive a letter. HUFC multisport, and National Elite Sports Coaching (NESC) continue to run after school clubs this term.

Other events this term include

- Swimming Fortnight Year 4/5
- Whole school Skip2bFit
- Year 6 residential to Carlton Outdoor Adventure Centre



## Achievement Assemblies

Well done to all our Autumn Term 'Shining Light', 'Most Improved Handwriter' and 'Most Dojos for the Term' winners. We look forward to seeing who will win at the end of this term. Photos of our weekly winners are shared on Dojo and Seesaw each week.

## Lent and CAFOD

Ash Wednesday is during Half Term, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, which marks the start of Lent as we prepare for Easter. During Lent we are encouraging our Mini-Vinnies to organise a whole school sponsored event to support CAFOD 'The Big Lent Walk' campaign, it was very successful last year. We will send further details later in the term.

## Wednesday Word

Please remember to share the readings, prayers and activities as a family which we continue to share on Seesaw.

## Diary Dates

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| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January   | Swimming Fortnight Year 4 (some identified Y5 pupils)   |
| Every Tuesday   | Friends of St Joseph's Group meet every Tuesday at 2.15 pm in school-new members are always welcome to join   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February   | 5 Yr old Dental Survey  |
| Week Beg 5 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February                                 | Children's Mental Health Week<br>Safer Internet Day   |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February   | Skip2bFit Whole School Workshops<br>All pupils to wear PE Kits for school   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February-16 <sup>th</sup> February   | Half Term-School Closed   |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February  | Start collections of Easter Eggs for Easter Egg Raffle  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March                                       | Y1,2 and 3 Movie Night<br>Y4,5, and 6 Movie Night -Information to follow  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March  | World Book Day-Information to follow  |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March   | Signing sheets available for Parent's Evening-Main Entrance   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March   | Rec/Y6 Height and Weight Check  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March  | St Joseph's Feast Day Celebrations  |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March   | Year 6 Carlton Residential  |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> March  | Parent Consultation Evenings-Information to follow  |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March | 9.15 am Rec, Y 1 and 2 Easter Liturgy and Dance-Parents welcome<br>9.15 am End of Term Achievement Assembly-Parents welcome<br>1.15 pm KS2 Easter Service-Parents Welcome |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> March(Good Friday) -12th April   | School Closed for Easter Holidays   |