

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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4th October 2024

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Events

Celebrations of the Week Collective Worship Lead by Head Students	3 October 2.45pm
Celebrations of the Week Collective Worship Lead by Y4/5	10 October 2.45pm
Celebrations of the Week Collective Worship Lead by Y3/4	17 October 2.45pm
Celebrations of the Week Collective Worship Lead by Y1/2	24 October 2.45pm
School Nurse Drop in	24 Sept 8.30-9.30am
Coffee Mornings All welcome	5 November 9.15am 3 December 9.15 am
Trip Crucial Crew Y6	10 October
Tempest Photography	15 October
Break up	Thursday 24 October
PD Day (children not in school)	Friday 25 October

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we now move towards the autumn and the changeable weather can I ask that children bring a coat to school every day, the children do play outside even when it is cold.

This week our head students planned and led our school collective worship on the theme of the rosary. It was lovely to hear the Hail Mary said in Polish. Our head students have encouraged our pupils who speak another language at home to learning the Hail Mary in that language. The children will be bringing home the travelling rosary pack and we are encourage in the month of October to say a decade of the rosary each day, the pack needs to be returned to school each day but the prayer leaflet and the mission sheet can be kept by you.

Y3/4 will lead our collective worship on 17th October on the theme of the Harvest. They have asked that we collect dried and tinned food for donation to our local foodbank. All donations will be gratefully received.

Foster with North East are looking for new foster carers and if anyone is interesting in supporting children then they can contact them on fosterwithnortheast.org.uk

Well done to our athletes who took part in a competition earlier in the week, we have two children who qualified for the area finals – watch this space.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs D Hargreaves

Headteacher

Class News – Y6 Year 6 have continued to work hard within all subjects. Within English, they have written diary entries from the perspective of Carl Denham from our story King Kong, they have also begun to integrate dialogue to advance action. Within Maths, the children have started their new topic of the four operations and have looked at multiples, factors, prime numbers, cubed and squared numbers. They will be moving on to long multiplication and division. Within Science, Year 6 have begun to look at microorganisms and how they can be good and bad for us. During our History subject, the children have looked at King John and the Magna Carta, King Henry III and the Battle of Evesham and now we will be focusing on Henry VIII and the Reformation. Well done for all of your hard work Year 6. Keep it up

Class News – Y4/5 The last couple of weeks, children in Year 4/5 have been busy learning. Children have been reading the book "Young, Gifted, and Black" in English to learn about some well-known people from across the globe. They have also enjoyed reading the 'Race to the Frozen North' Matthew Henson story. In math, they have finished the first topic, place value, and are currently doing column addition and subtraction using 4-digit numbers. In history, they have learnt about the settlement of the Anglo-Saxons and are going forward learning about Vikings. In science, they have learnt about the life cycles of amphibians, insects, mammals, and birds. Next, they are going to look at how plants and animals reproduce. In RE, we completed the first topic, Family Tree of Jesus, and now they are learning about celebrating reconciliation. Just a gentle reminder: Y4/5 children need to bring their PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it in the school lockers. They have PE sessions on Wednesday and Friday. Please encourage them to read at least five times a week.

Class News - Year 3 / 4. Y3/4 have been very busy over the last few weeks. In English, we have been reading 'Counting on Catherine' and carrying out some fantastic pieces of writing. In History, we have been learning all about The Early Islamic Civilisation. Next week, we will be moving onto our new RE topic 'Reconciliation'. In Art we have been learning all about the artist 'Michael Craig-Martin and creating a range of line drawings. I am very proud of all of the children - keep working hard Y3/4!

Class News – Year ½ We have been very busy in Y1/2 over the last few weeks. In English, we have started reading our new story, 'The Troll Swap' and writing some fantastic character descriptions. In History, we have been learning all about Toys from the past and how they have changed over time. Over the last few weeks, we have also had two visits from the school nurse for our 'dental' and 'hand hygiene' sessions which we thoroughly enjoyed! Next week, we will be starting our new RE topic 'Baptism'. In PE, we have been developing our team building skills through a range of games. The children have been working very hard and I am very proud of them all! Keep it up Y1/2!

Class News – EYFS The Reception children have had a busy few weeks. We have continued our topic, Goldilocks and the three bears, the children have been acting it out in role play, making their names in the dry porridge and discussing feelings of the bears. In Science we have started our topic 'All About Me', we drew around one of our friends and named some parts of the body, we played Simon says and we are learning about the stages of growing up. In RE, we have just finished our first topic all about 'Myself' and we talked about why we are important and who is precious to us. The children have enjoyed all of the new things they have learnt and are looking forward to starting our new topics soon. Well done!

The School Day

The children need to be in school by 8:40am so that they are ready and in class to start the school day by 8.50am. The gates to the playground are locked at 8:45am. We would ask that the children do not play on the field or equipment before school, if it has rained the children will end up being wet and muddy for the day.

You will appreciate that we have procedures in place to keep the children safe in school and as they leave the building. If you are not able to pick your child up the school needs to hold details of who is collecting the child, their details and a safe word. Please return the form that has been sent separately.

Children who attend any after school clubs will be brought out onto the playground entrance at the end of a session and the not the front door for safety reasons

Attendance

We appreciate that from time to time that children are ill but attendance at school is really important. Attached is an overview of some of the guidance regarding illness.

Rashes and skin infections	Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders
Athlete's foot	None
Chickenpox*	Until all vesicles have crusted over
Cold sores, (Herpes simplex)	None
German measles (rubella)*	Four days from onset of rash (as per "Green Book")
Hand, foot and mouth	None
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment
Measles*	Four days from onset of rash
Molluscum contagiosum	None
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required
Roseola (infantum)	None
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment
Scarlet fever*	Child can return 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment
Slapped cheek (fifth disease or parvovirus B19)	None once rash has developed
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Warts and verrucae	None
Diarrhoea and vomiting illness	Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting

Uniform Reminders

All uniform MUST be labelled

School policy is that the children should **not** wear earring. All long hair should be tied up. PE is on a Friday – PE kits needed in school (yellow t shirt, back shorts, black plimsols). We ask that children wear the correct school uniform and sensible shoes.

Fun activities to do whilst travelling to school!

Hartlepool Sport and Move Mania has created free resources for families and children, to use on their journey to and from school. The activities include games, quizzes etc and can be accessed by visiting

<https://www.hartlepoolsport.co.uk/moveamaniachallenge>



For safety reasons please do not park in the school car park unless you have an appointment with a member of staff

God of Life,

Help us to see how important and special everyone in our school family is– no matter who they are, or what they look like or where they are from.

Teach us to treat everyone in our global family with love and respect and help us to see something special in each person every day.

Amen

Prayer written by our Head Students January 2024

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Term Dates 2024-2025	
Monday 2nd September 2024	PD Day School closed to children
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	Return to School
Thursday 24th October 2024	Break up for half term
Friday 25th October 2024	PD Day School closed to children
Break Up Friday 25th October 2024 – Return – Monday 4th November 2024	Half Term
Break Up – Friday 20th December 2024 Return – Monday 6th January 2025	Christmas Holidays:
Break Up – Friday 21st February 2025 Return – Monday 3rd March 2025	February Half Term:
Break Up – Friday 11th April 2025 Return – Monday 28th April 2025	Easter Holiday
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
W/C 12th May 2025	KS2 SATS
Break Up – Friday 23rd May 2025 Return – Monday 2nd June 2025	Half Term
Thursday 17th July 2025	Break up for Summer