

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



We belong to the family of St. Joseph's School. We love, live, learn and celebrate together, building God's Kingdom with Jesus, Our Lord

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Events

School Disco	9 July from 3.15
Leavers Performance - Cinderella Rockerfella	10 July 1:30pm
Reception New Starter Meeting	9.10am and 4.30pm
Guitar Showcase	12 July 11 am
Leavers Assembly	12 July 2.30pm
Y6 at English Martyrs	15 to 18 July
End of Year Celebration Assembly	19 July 9.15 am
End of Year Leavers Mass	19 July 2.00pm (note change of time)
Last Day of School	Friday 19 July
Return to School	Tuesday 3 rd September

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you join us for the family picnic before sports day. We were truly blessed by the weather with the rain staying away.

The build up to the last two weeks of term has been busy. Our Y1/2 had a lovely trip to the beach, Y5 have spent time at English Martyrs and I joined the Y6 children at the Youth Village for their festival. Remember to look at our Facebook Page for updates on our news.

In preparation for their Y6 Leaver's Panto there have been strains of various catchy tunes echoing around our building and I currently have the tune there's 'a party here tonight' in my head. I am looking forward to seeing the results of all the hard work and effort our Y6 are putting in preparing for this performance. There is a list of events for the rest of the term to which you are invited.

Our Y6 children will have their transition for 4 days in the last week and will return to school for the very last day. We are fortunate that Canon Paul has agreed to celebrate a leavers mass for us in school. Again, you are all welcome to attend.

A well done must go to the Y5 children who represented the school at the Trust Debate Mate competition at the Middlesbrough Riverside Stadium, they had a wonderful experience learning new skills along the way.

Yesterday in our liturgy, each class contributed to the theme of what family means to them. The children shared their own experiences as part of their own, school, parish and wider community family.

Remember that Tuesday 9th July is our end of term disco – hot dogs, sweets and drinks will be available for children to buy, £1 admission at the door.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs D Hargreaves

Headteacher

Class News – Y6 Year 6 have worked extremely hard the past few weeks. They have learnt about Evolution and Inheritance within Science and have begun their work on Biomes- Hot Deserts in Geography. The children have also been practising their upcoming performance 'Cinderella and Rockerfella'.

Class News – Y5 The starting few weeks of the summer term had been busy for Y5. They went to the central library to meet the author, Dan Smith. The children enjoyed the experience and were encouraged to take part in the summer reading challenge in order to win some amazing prizes. A team of 8 children was chosen to take part in the Debate Mate event held at the Riverside Stadium in Middlesbrough. The children performed with confidence and also had an opportunity to watch the secondary schools in action. As an added treat, they even had a chance to have a look at the amazing stadium! Coming back to academics, in English they have researched and written a persuasive information leaflet about Landfill. In RE, they have learned about the topic of other faiths—Islam. In math, they have finished learning negative numbers and are now moving on to converting units and volume. The children are excited to take part in the upcoming sports day and, hopefully, some fun activities on the last day of the term!

Class News - Year 3 / 4 This half term is always a busy one and the children continue to work extremely hard. It is lovely to have some sunshine, at last! If you were able to make the Family Picnic and Sport's Day on Friday, I hope you all enjoyed it. The children always look forward to this event and I am sure you were all very proud of them. In RE, we have finished our topic on Reconciliation and we have started our next topic on Islam. If any parents/carers are Muslim, it would be great if you could come into school and talk to our class about your faith. Please contact the School Office if you would like to arrange a visit. In English, our writing unit is on Shakespeare. The children have enjoyed working together in small groups and rewriting a scene from The Merchant of Venice. They will be acting it out this week and are very much looking forward to it. During Maths lessons, we have worked on money and are currently learning about time. Any opportunities at home and when out and about in the community to practise these skills would be useful for the children.

Class News – Year 1/2 Year 1/2 have had a brilliant half term. The Year 1 children impressed Mrs Andrews during the phonics screening tests and showed lots of commitment - well done everyone! In English, we have been reading the child version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and have written some amazing character descriptions. In RE, we have completed our Reconciliation unit and will be starting our Islam topic this week. In Geography, we have enjoyed our seaside topic looking at the human and physical features of the seaside and also used maps to locate other seaside towns in the North East. In PE, we have been keeping very active and have had a brilliant Sports Day!

Class News – EYFS In EYFS the children have been reading What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside as our half term focus book. We have been learning about seasons and the weather, and what we need to do to stay safe in the sun, especially during the summer months. We have been learning about our bodies and what we need to do to be healthy, including our diet, drinking plenty of water and going to bed early so we get enough sleep as well as hygiene habits such as brushing our teeth and the importance of oral healthcare. In Nursery, they have been counting groups and in Reception children have been representing teens numbers with numicon and cubes - they have learnt place value and that the 1 in a teens number represents 10. In RE we have been learning about Islam and the children thought about the importance of special objects and the significance of these in our lives.

The School Day

The children need to be in school by 8:55am so that they are ready and in class to start the school day by 9am. The gates to the playground are locked at 8:55am. 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 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 2023-2024	
Monday 4th September 2023	PD Day
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Return to School
Thursday 19th October 2023	Break up for half term
Friday 20th October 2023	PD Day School closed to children
Break Up Friday 20th October 2023 – Return – Monday 30th October 2023	Half Term
Break Up – Friday 22nd December 2023 Return – Monday 8th January 2024	Christmas Holidays:
Break Up - Friday 9th February 2024 Return - Monday 19th February 2024	February Half Term:
Break Up – Thursday 28th March 2024 Return – Monday 15th April 2024	Easter Holiday
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
W/C 13th May 2024	KS2 SATS
Break Up – Friday 24th May 2024 Return – Monday 3rd June 2024	Half Term
Friday 19th July 2024	Break up for Summer