

# 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

Y3/4 Liturgy	6 June 2.45pm
Mass St Joseph's Church – children from school reading	9 June 10am St. Joseph's Church
Mass in School	11 June 9.30am
Year Y1/2 Liturgy	13 June 2.45pm
Year 5 Liturgy	20 June 2.45pm
Swimsafe Y6	26 June (afternoon)
Y6 Primary Festival	27 June all day
Reception Liturgy	27 June 2.45pm
Sports Day & Family Picnic	28 June from 12 noon
Y5 at English Martyrs	4 & 5 July
Whole School Liturgy What does family mean to you?	4 July 2.30pm
School Disco – details to follow	9 July from 3.15
Leavers Performance - Cinderella Rockerfella	10 July 1:30pm
Guitar Showcase	12 July 11 am
Leavers Assembly	12 July 2.30
End of Year Celebration Assembly	19 July 9.15 am
End of Year Liturgy	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2:30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move start the final half term of the year we will hopefully see an improvement in the weather and the children may need a hat and suncream. If children bring in suncream they will need to apply it themselves and should not share it with other children. Alternatively, there are creams that do give protection for the full day.

You will see from our list of events there are plenty of opportunities for you to join us in school this half term.

We will once again hold our family picnic followed by sports day. Our nursery children will hold their sport morning from 11am the same day so everyone has the opportunity to join us at lunchtime.

It was with sadness that I had to explain to the Y6 children that in light of the tragic death of the child in Darlington on a trip the organisers of our trip had cancelled our residential. We were fortunate to make last minutes plans for the children who have take part in outdoor activities at Summerhill this week.

This week our school council and SMAG group met with our caterers to discuss the school menus. The children have been tasked with finding out about family recipes that represent the culture of our school so that we can establish themed day. If you have any recipes that are traditional to your cultural roots, please feel free to send them into school.

This weekend children from school will be the readers at mass. Every other month the children from school are asked to lead the readings at mass. You are all welcome to join us at mass as part of our parish community.

You can keep up with lots of school news via our Facebook Page.

God Bless

Mrs D Hargreaves

Headteacher

**Class News – Y6.** Well done to all Year 6 for completing their SATs. They all showed great resilience and confidence- we were all extremely proud. Moving forward, the children are continuing with their writing of narratives, they will complete their Science topics of Forces move on to their new topic of Inheritance and Evolution. Within RE, they will move onto their topic of Reconciliation. Within Maths the children will continue practising their four operations and look at decimals, percentages and fractions to gain even more confidence. On Wednesday of the first week back, Year 6 will enjoy a range of outdoor activities that will replace their residential trip.

**Class News – Y5** This half term, as part of their core subjects of study, children in Y5 will be learning mathematics about decimals, negative numbers, converting units, and measurement volume. These topics will include adding and subtracting decimals with the same and different numbers of decimal places. Multiply and divide decimals by 10, 100, and 1000. Understand, compare, and order negative numbers. Convert between metric and imperial units. Compare and estimate the volume. In English, children will learn how to create and perform a soliloquy, portraying the role of one of Shakespeare's fearless and courageous characters. They will learn to include relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, or that. Adverbs will be used to denote degrees of possibility. A greater variety of methods will be employed to create coherence throughout paragraphs. Finally, tense choices will be employed to link ideas. In geography, pupils will be introduced to biomes - Deserts. They will know what biomes are and where hot deserts are, along with their climate and landscape. The ways that flora and fauna have adapted to arid environments. In science, the topic is light. Children will recognise that they need light to see things in the dark in the absence of light. They will learn: to understand that light is reflected from surfaces and recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes; to recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object.

**Class News - Year 3 / 4** We have had a busy few weeks in Years 3 and 4. In DT, the children have been designing and making various wraps. They thoroughly enjoyed eating them despite having an indoor picnic due to the miserable weather we have been having! Photos are on Facebook. The children have been learning about rivers in English and have written formal letters complaining about pollution and sewage. Quite a recent topic in media reports! We have had some great success with the various sporting events that the children have joined in with. Their behaviour has been exemplary during these visits and they should all be very proud of themselves and their achievements. Have a lovely half term holiday and fingers crossed for the weather!

**Class News – Year 1/2** Year 1/2 have had a busy, exciting half term. Children have been working hard in phonics with Mrs Andrews in preparation for the Y1 Phonics Screening Test. In English, we have been reading 'The Last Wolf' and completed some fantastic pieces of writing. In DT, children have been designing and making their own puppets. In RE, we have been working hard on our topic, Pentecost and we have just started our new topic, Reconciliation. Just before half term, we had an exciting visit from Pets 4 People who came in to show us lots of different animals including bearded dragons, bunnies and giant snails. We had a great time meeting all of the animals!

**Class News – EYFS** In EYFS we have been learning about lifecycles and this week watched our chrysalis turn into butterflies. We set them free outside and all of the children watched. They have been very gentle around the butterflies and have ensured they had food and water. Our focus text has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and pupils have been retelling the story using props. Nursery children are focusing on numbers to 10 during summer term and will be learning some letter sounds to prepare them for a good start in Reception. Reception children are reading and writing each day so that they are prepared for Year 1. We will be having a big push on our letter and number formation practice when we return after the holidays.

## 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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<b>Term Dates 2023-2024</b>	
<b>Monday 4th September 2023</b>	<b>PD Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 5th September 2023</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
<b>Thursday 19th October 2023</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>PD Day School closed to children</b>
<b>Break Up Friday 20th October 2023 – Return – Monday 30th October 2023</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Break Up – Friday 22nd December 2023 Return – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays:</b>
<b>Break Up - Friday 9th February 2024 Return - Monday 19th February 2024</b>	<b>February Half Term:</b>
<b>Break Up – Thursday 28th March 2024 Return – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 6th May 2024</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>KS2 SATS</b>
<b>Break Up – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Return – Monday 3rd June 2024</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Friday 19th July 2024</b>	<b>Break up for Summer</b>