

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

**9:10 am
Tuesday 22th
November 2022**

**Whole school and
Parish Mass in the
school hall
All welcome**

**Friday 25th November
2022**

**School closed Staff
PD Day**

**9:05am Friday 2st
December 2022**

**First Week of Advent
liturgy**

**9:10 am
Tuesday 6th
December 2022**

**Whole school and
Parish Mass in the
school hall
All welcome**

**Thursday 8th
December 2022**

Christmas Dinner

**9:05am Friday 9st
December 2022**

Y3/4 Liturgy

13 December 2022

Christmas Fair

**2pm 12 December
2022**

KS2 Nativity

**9.30am 13 December
2022**

KS2 Nativity

**2pm 14 December
2022**

KS1 Nativity

**9.30am 15 December
2022**

KS1 Nativity

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week the Y5/6 led us in a thoughtful liturgy all about Remembrance. Their poppy wreath included the names of soldier from the area around the school who had died in WW1. This wreath was then taken to Newcastle and laid at one of the memorials by two serving sailors from HMS Dauntless.

I enjoyed the company of children from across the school for Afternoon Tea earlier this week. It was lovely to hear about their different interests and hobbies.

Although we are still in November, I have heard the strains of music for our Christmas plays and the carols we will sing at the parish carol concert on 14 December 5pm-6pm at St. Joseph's Church. This will be a lovely parish event involving all the Catholic Primary schools in Hartlepool and all are welcome.

I do have a plea from the staff, please can you make sure that your children's jumpers, cardigans and coats have their names in so that it is easier to match children with their missing clothing. The children do go out to play at lunchtime even when it is cold so they will be asked to wear a coat- not that they seem to feel the cold!

We have had a number of children with vomiting this last week and can I remind you that if your child has vomited that they need to be off school of 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. This is so that they are clear of that sickness bug and do not pass it on to others in the school.

I would like to thank you for completing the questionnaire about the school and the lovely comments you made. If you did not complete a questionnaire and would like to do so then please contact Mrs Allan, in the school office for a copy.

Please remember that the school is closed to all pupils for staff training on Friday 25th November 2022

God Bless

Mrs D Hargreaves
Acting Headteacher

Class News – Y5/6

In Y5/6 the children have begun their new topic in Geography - 'Climate Change'. They have created diagrams to explain The Greenhouse Effect and a poster to explain The Enhanced Greenhouse Effect. The children have continued to use our class book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' to answer comprehension questions. In writing, the children have started to use William Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' for inspiration when describing a storm using figurative devices such as personification and similes. In Maths, Y5 have been working hard to use the written method for adding and subtracting more than 4-digit numbers and Y6 have used written method for short and long division. We have welcomed two new children to our class! Everyone has worked extremely hard! Keep up the good work.

Class News – Y3/4

Year 3 /4 have started their science topic Rocks and Soils this half term. They have observed different rocks, exploring their appearance and texture and then classified the rocks using their own criteria. The children have enjoyed the dance lessons on a Wednesday led by teachers from the Karen Liddle Dance Academy. In Maths, we have been using different strategies to add and subtract numbers. In PE, they have began the football unit, learning dribbling skills this week.

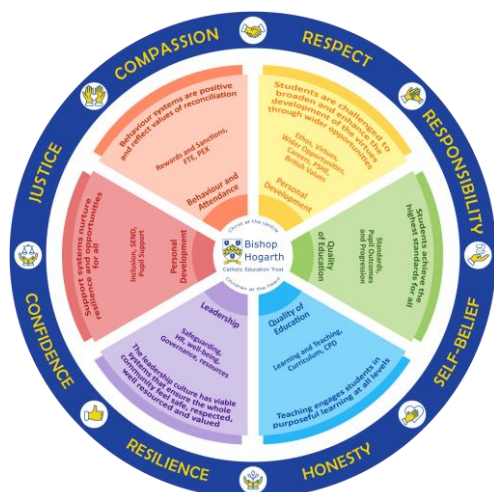
Class News – Year 1/2

Y1/2 had a great visit to Hartlepool Art Gallery to experience a 'Toys of the past' workshop. The children loved playing with older toys and making their own cup and ball game. During their dance session, children performed a range of moves linked to Autumn and in PE, children enjoyed competing against each other to score their team the most points. We ended our week with a trip to the cinema! What a super week we have had!

Class news – Early Years

In EYFS we celebrated Bonfire Night and learnt about the 5th November and about how Guy Fawkes tried to blow up King James using gunpowder. We heard that it was called 'The Gunpowder Plot'. Children made chocolate sparklers and learnt that chocolate melts when we heat it, changing from a solid into a liquid. They had fun using a range of arts media to create firework pictures with chinks, oil pastels and pipe cleaners to create prints with paint and glitter. We have learnt lots of new sounds in phonics in Reception, new sight words, and have been trying hard to blend our letters to read words. We have been counting out objects from a larger set and representing numbers in different ways. Nursery and two year olds have learnt new rhymes and have been singing number songs.

Trust Virtues



Compassion:

Respect:

Responsibility:

Self- Belief:

Honesty:

Resilience:

Confidence:

Justice:

Uniform reminders and a plea

Reminder **NO JEWELLERY** of any kind is to be worn in school. If your child is having their **ears pierced**, please make sure that this is done at the beginning of the summer holidays so the ears will have time to heal before they come back to school. Any child who had their ears pierced at the end of the holiday must have their ears covered and all earring should be removed by half term. You can appreciate that this is for health and safety reasons and is part of our school rules.

The children look so smart in their uniform so please remember that they should not wear trainers or hoodies and hair is to be tied up with sensible bobbles and hairbands.

Nail varnish and patterned or shaved hairstyles are also not acceptable and the children should not bring lip balm or lip balm into school. You will appreciate that there are those in school with allergies. Head Lice – please check your child’s hair for head lice and treat accordingly.

Healthy eating

Only water should be brought to school in your child’s water bottle - juice is not allowed

Birthday cakes can be brought into school but they must be individual cakes ie cupcakes, due to allergies

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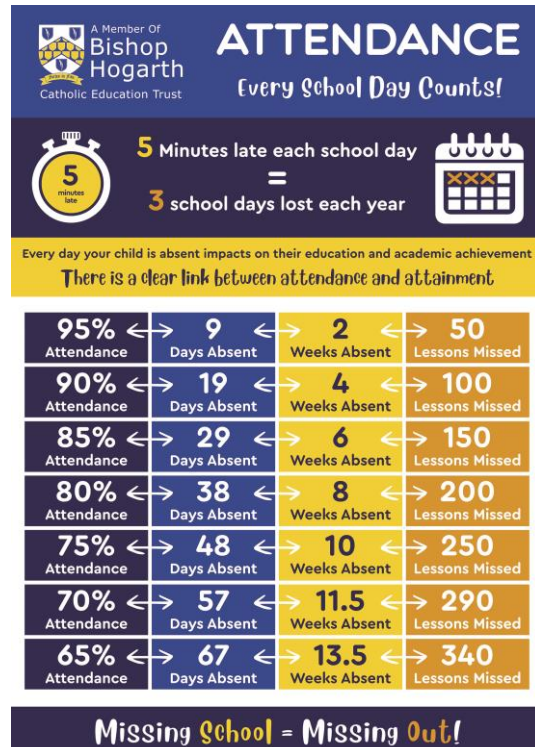


The School Day

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 the not the front door for safety reasons.



Term Dates 2022-2023	
Monday 5th September 2022	PD Day
Tuesday 6th September 2022	Return to School
Thursday 20th October 2022	PD Day School closed to children
Break Up Friday 21st October 2022 – Return – Monday 31st October 2022	Half Term
Friday 25th November 2022	PD Day School closed to children
Break Up – Tuesday 20th December 2022 Return – Wednesday 4th January 2023	Christmas Holidays:
Break Up - Friday 17th February 2023 Return - Monday 27th February 2023	February Half Term:
Break Up – Friday 31st March 2023 Return – Monday 17th April 2023	Easter Holiday
Monday 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May 2023	Bank Holiday for the Coronation
Break Up – Friday 26th May 2023 Return – Monday 5th June 2023	Half Term
Thursday 20th July 2023	Break up for Summer

