

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

Wednesday 4th January 2023	Return to School
9:05 Friday 13th January 2023	Whole School Liturgy
3:30 Monday 16th January 2023	Meeting with Y6 parents
Monday 16th January 2023	Phonics Meeting EYFS Parents
9:05 Friday 20th January 2023	Y5 Liturgy
23-25th January 2023	
Y5 at the Youth Village	
9:05 27th January 2023	Y3/4 Liturgy
9:05 3rd February 2023	Y6 Liturgy

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this first term of 2022-2023 draws to a close, I would like to thank you for the support you have given to your children and staff. It was lovely to see you come to watch our various nativity plays – some of you seemed to be in school every day!

The support you gave to the fair was tremendous and the funds raised will benefit the children.

As we move into the new year there will be a number of changes. We say goodbye and thank you to both Mrs Harding and Mrs Marley. Both started their teaching careers at St. Joseph's and I know that Mrs Harding has in recent years taught the children of those who were in her first classes, This goes to show the family that we are at St. Joseph's. We wish them both well for their futures.

Mr Clemo will move to teach Year 6 and Miss McDonald will join us to teach Y1/2.

This time of year is a time of reflection, to remember those who cannot be with us and to spend time with friends and families. The parish of Holy Family will have four masses across the parish on Christmas Eve and 3 on Christmas morning. You are most welcome to join the parish to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord.

You will see that at the end of this newsletter I have set Christmas Homework for the School – enjoy!

May I offer you the peace and blessings this Christmas time and I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

God Bless,

Mrs D Hargreaves
Acting Headteacher

Class News – Y5/6

The past few weeks Y5/6 have been learning all about Advent in RE. They have made links between scripture texts and have written a diary entry as if they were Joseph. In Maths, they have been learning about how to read and draw line graphs and tables from data given. In English, we have focussed on *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare and have debated whether Caliban was a man or a monster. Y5 delivered a fantastic performance in the KS2 nativity of "It's a Party". I hope all of Y5 enjoy the Christmas holidays and have a Merry Christmas.

Class News – Y3/4

Year 3/4 have been busy practising the songs and rehearsing for the KS2 nativity play. They enjoyed performing in front of their parents and carers this week. In Design technology, they have been investigating the use of 2D nets in everyday packaging and then created 3D packages from given 2D nets. They have enjoyed using CAD (computer aided design) to design their own packaging. In science, the children have been learning how fossils are formed and had fun making their own cast fossil. In RE, we have been learning how Christians prepare to receive God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus during Advent. Year 3/4 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Class News – Year 1/2

Y1/2 have worked very hard to ensure their performance of 'It's a baby' was a success. They were all amazing! Alongside working extremely hard to prepare for our performances, we have completed lots of work in class. In our English lessons we have been writing job applications to work for Santa, in Science lessons we have looked at what animals, including humans, need to survive and in RE lessons we have been retelling the Christmas Story. Y1/2 loved their dance session this week! Every child worked hard to act out a scene from 'The Grinch'. Have a lovely Christmas everyone!

Class news – Early Years

In EYFS we have loved seeing the snow fall this week and playing outside - it has been very cold though, so we've wrapped up warm in jumpers, coats, hats, gloves and scarves. We have played a new game from our focus text 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' - we have been turn-taking and subitising numbers on the dice (knowing the number without counting the dots). We have still been learning new letter sounds in phonics and learning new mathematical language concentrating on numbers within 10. Children have been making artwork using lots of different media such as paint and printing and had such fun preparing Christmas cards and calendars all ready to take home. We had our nativity performances which have been fantastic and the children all enjoyed performing their lines and songs in front of their families dressed up in festive costumes and telling the birth of baby Jesus through performance and song.

Trust Virtues



Uniform reminders and a plea

Just a reminder that as the children return back to school in January that the school policy for that the children should not wear earring. All long haor should be tied up.

We ask that children wear the correct school uniform and sensible shoes.

Christmas Mass times at the Churches of the Holy Family Parish Hartlepool

	St. Joseph's	St. Patrick's	St. John Vianney	St. Mary's
Christmas Eve 24/12/22	3:30 Carols 4pm The first Mass of Christmas	5:30 Carols 6pm The first Mass of Christmas	3:30 Carols 4pm The first Mass of Christmas	5:30 Carols 6pm The first Mass of Christmas
Christmas Day 25/12/22	10:00 Mass Nativity of the Lord	9:00 Mass Nativity of the Lord	11:00 Mas Nativity of the Lord	

The Parish of the Holy Family, Hartlepool

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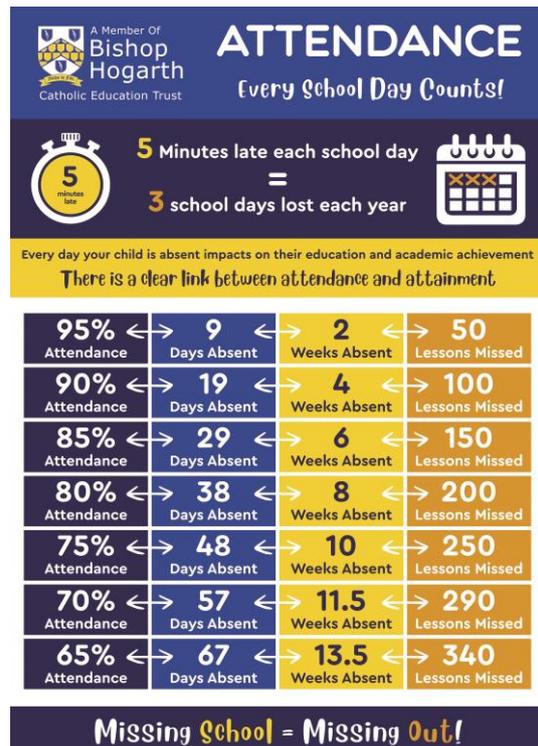


The School Day

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 31 st 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 31 st March 2023 Return – Monday 17 th April 2023	Easter Holiday
Monday 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday for the Coronation
Break Up – Friday 26 th May 2023 Return – Monday 5th June 2023	Half Term
Thursday 20th July 2023	Break up for Summer

The 12 Day of Christmas (and a bit) Homework. This homework starts on the 20th December 2022 and continues until you come back to school

On the first day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Put away all the things you brought home from school**

On the second day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Read a Christmas story**

On the third day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Wrap two presents**

On the fourth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Tidy your room**

On the fifth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Go to be early and go to sleep!**

On the sixth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Get up really early and eat chocolate for breakfast but eat 2 sprouts with your Christmas Dinner**

On the seventh day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Play with all your toys**

On the eighth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Watch a Christmas film**

On the ninth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Tidy up some of your toys**

On the tenth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Go for a walk or ride your bike**

On the eleventh day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Read a book**

On the twelfth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Have a snooze during the day so you can stay up really late tonight**

On the thirteenth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Play with your toys**

On the fourteenth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Tidy your room and read your school book**

On the fifteenth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **Make sure you have go to bed early. This is your last day of holiday**

On the sixteenth day of the Christmas holiday my teacher said to me: **No more holiday. Welcome back to school!**