

# 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

**9:05am Friday 2<sup>st</sup>  
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 8<sup>th</sup>  
December 2022**      **Christmas Dinner**

**9:05am Friday 9<sup>st</sup>  
December 2022**      **Y3/4 Liturgy**

**3.15 pm Tuesday 13  
December 2022**      **Christmas Fair**

**2pm 12 December  
2022**      **KS2 Nativity**

**9.30am 13 December  
2022**      **KS2 Nativity**

**5pm Wednesday 14  
December**      **Holy Family Advent  
Carol Service  
St Joseph's Church**

**2pm 14 December  
2022**      **KS1 Nativity**

**9.30am 15 December  
2022**      **KS1 Nativity**

**9:05 am  
20 December 2022**      **Mass  
Christmas Reflection**  
**2.30pm 20 December  
2022**      **School Hall  
All Welcome to both**

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this first week of Advent we start our preparations for the Christmas season. In school it is no different from the preparations that go on in homes across our parish. Strains of well-loved nativity songs are drifting around the school as the children prepare for their nativity plays. Each Key Stage will hold two performances which you are more than welcome to attend. Please note that these performances cannot be videoed or photographed as we have a number of children across the school cannot be photographed or videoed. Staff will take pictures during the dress rehearsals that can be shared on our Facebook Page.

The children have also been invited to take part in the Parish Carol Service on 14 December 2022 5pm to 6 pm which should be a lovely event joining all the Catholic primary schools together as we prepare for Christmas and welcoming Jesus into the world.

The children will have the opportunity to wear Christmas jumpers twice this month, on Christmas Dinner Day as well as the last day of term. If possible, we would like a small donation for these non-uniform events with the money being given to CAFOD to support their Christmas appeal.

I have to say a great big thank you for your generosity in sending items to support our Christmas Fair, all money raised will be used to support enrichment activities for all our children.

Please remember to join us each Friday for our liturgies but note the extra one on our last day at 2:30. We also have a full school mass that morning as well



God Bless,

*D Hargreaves*

Mrs D Hargreaves  
Acting Headteacher

## Class News – Y5/6

In Year 5/6 we have been studying an adapted version of Shakespeare's play *The Tempest* focusing on the use of figurative language to enhance descriptions of settings. We are also well on the way to perfecting this year's Christmas Nativity which we are looking forward to performing. A little reminder that we expect the children to work on Reading Plus twice a week for at least 30 minutes and to use the Arithmetic 16 questions on [myminimaths.co.uk](http://myminimaths.co.uk) to help improve their mental maths skills. We really appreciate your support with their learning. Thank you.

## Class News – Y3/4

In Year 3 and 4, we have been practising the songs for our KS2 Nativity performance. The children have been working extremely hard to learn all the words to a new song. We can't wait for you to hear it! In English, we have been learning about Wolves and the class have showcased their knowledge of these amazing animals in a fact file. In Geography, we have been learning how human activity in coastal areas can alter the landscape in a different way and can affect the wildlife living there and cause pollution. In Science, the children tested a range of rocks for hardness, permeability and durability and used their results to choose the most suitable material for a given purpose.

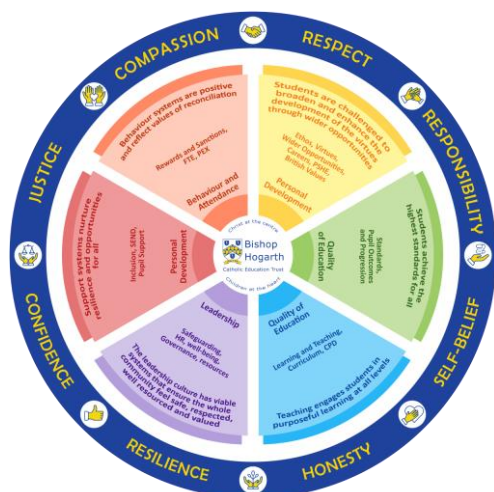
## Class News – Year 1/2

In Y1/2 we have started reading *Hansel and Gretel*. All of the children have worked very hard to retell the story and enjoyed discussing how the characters may have felt at different points in the story. Everybody has worked hard in maths to understand how to subtract numbers with Y1 using number lines and Y2 using column subtraction. Within RE we have discussed how Christians prepare for Advent. Y1/2 cannot wait to perform our Nativity and have enjoyed practising with EYFS. They are very excited to show everybody their fabulous singing and acting!

## Class news – Early Years

EYFS have been working hard on their letter sounds and new sight words in Reception and listening to and performing body percussion in Nursery. We have begun our new focus book: *The Jolly Christmas Postman*, and the children are loving the two new 'winter' seasonal areas to play in, as well as the reading areas which have stick puppets from our book so they can retell the story of the Postman's journey to each other. We have been practising lots for our Nativity with Year1/2 and the children are loving their costumes and the songs they are learning - they are looking forward to all of their parents and carers coming in to watch them perform.

# 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 has 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.

We are holding an Open Day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30 am to 11.30 am. Come and visit our amazing school and meet our wonderful staff. Come and see our learning environments and have a tour of our school facilities.

Nursery and School places available.

## The Parish of the Holy Family, Hartlepool

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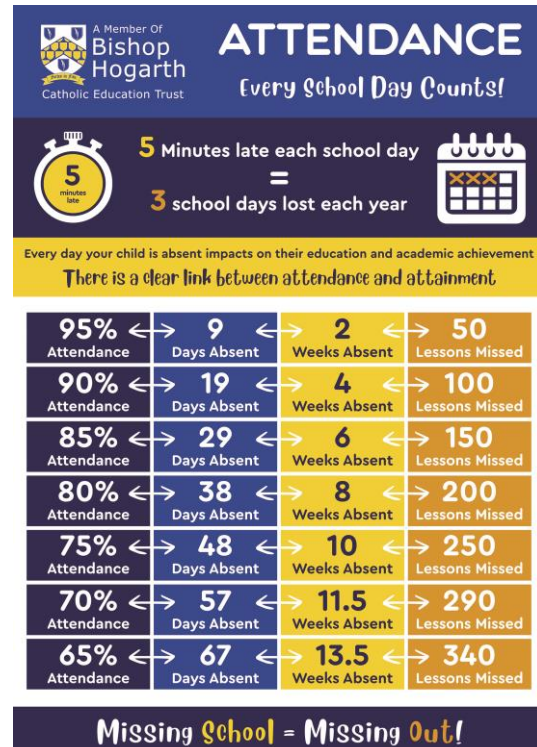


## The School Day

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