

# 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*

Email: [admin@stjosephshartlepool.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephshartlepool.bhcet.org.uk)

20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Website: [www.stjosephshartlepool.bhcet.org.uk](http://www.stjosephshartlepool.bhcet.org.uk)

Facebook: St Josephs Catholic Primary School, Hartlepool

## Events

9:05 Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
January 2023

Y5 Liturgy

23-25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Y5 at the Youth  
Village

9:05 Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
January 2023

Y3/4 Liturgy

9:00 Friday 31<sup>th</sup>  
January 2023

Whole school and  
parish Y6 to lead

9:05 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
February 2023

Y6 Liturgy

9:05 Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
February 2023

No assembly or  
liturgy

9:00 Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
February 2023

Whole school and  
parish. Y5 to lead

9:05 Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
February 2023

Y2 Liturgy

Week Commencing  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Half Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas now seems such a long time ago. The children have settled back into their routines and are working hard.

We have already seen some changes within the school structure. Mr Clemo is now teaching the Y6 full time and we welcomed Miss McDonald as our Y1/2 teacher. Numbers in school have steadily grown since September and this means we are able to split both Y5/6 and the Y1/2 classes. We have appointed Miss Musgrave to teach Y1 and Miss McDonald and Y2 will move into a separate classroom from Monday. The class structure will be looked at again later in the term for the new academic year in September.

It has been lovely to see our Y6 children taking up the challenge as Science Leaders as they support the younger children in Science Club. Last week saw some fantastic structures made from spaghetti and marshmallows. We have future engineers in the making.

I do need to draw to your attention a couple of matters.

Unless there has been express permission, children should not bring any form of juice or fizzy drinks into school, whether in their water bottle or packed lunch. As a healthy school, children should drink water. Children **MUST NOT** bring any form of energy drink into school. These drinks are not suitable for children and they can have an adverse reaction to them.

We have noticed that there has been an increase in the children wearing smart watches. Any smart watch that has a camera facility should not be worn or brought to school. Watches etc. are removed for PE as part of our health and safety routines. As a school we cannot be responsible if such watches are damaged. All mobile phones brought into school are to be handed in to the class teacher, switched off and will be taken to the school office for safe keeping during the school day.

At the end of a week where we have focussed on peace this morning the Y5 children reminded us that we should continue to work for peace in all our communities including our school and to pray for and support those who do not have peace in their lives.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

Mrs D Hargreaves

## Class News – Early Years

In EYFS we have started our new topic of Space and have been reading the book 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. Children have been retelling the story using props and are having fun in the space area with rockets, non fiction books on space and planets and lots of creative activities surrounding space such as cut and stick activities and colouring to develop fine motor skills and playdough mats. Reception made some astronauts with split pins and found out we can join 2 pieces of paper together with the pins to create moving body parts. We are continuing learning about lots of sounds in phonics in Nursery and body percussion as well as beginning to identify initial sounds in 3 letter words. In Reception, we are beginning to learn 2 letters which make 1 sound. In Maths we have done lots of counting out from larger sets, trying to remember the number we need to stop at and in Nursery we are beginning to learn numerals and match them to amounts.

## Class News – Year 1/2

Welcome back Y1 and 2! Every child in Y1 and 2 has returned with a fantastic attitude towards their work. This week, the children have looked at subtraction and chanting our timetables in Maths. In English, the children have all created amazing penguin fact file. We focused on using adjectives to describe. In RE, Y1 and 2 have focused on Local Church. During Science, the children have observed the change in season and discussed what will happen in spring. As a reminder, please make sure your children are reading at least four times a week and that this is recorded in their Home School Diary. Also, they must complete their spelling homework. Our PE Day is a Monday.

## Class News – Y3/4

Year 3/4 have welcomed two new children into our class. The children enjoyed their swimming lessons at Mill House. In Science, the children have enjoyed investigating the composition of different soils. They worked in small groups planning and undertaking an investigation to compare the composition of different soils, recording their observations in a labelled diagram. Our class reader this term is The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe and in English, the children will be writing their own portal story.

## Class News – Y5

Welcome back Y5! Every child in Y5 has returned from the Christmas holidays with a fantastic attitude towards their work. This week, the children have looked at multiplication within Maths. They have recognised common multiples, factors and common factors. The children will move on to prime numbers and squared numbers in the next couple of days. In English, the children have all created fantastic diary entries as if they were Michael from our new book 'Kenzuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. The children have worked hard at using brackets and commas for parenthesis throughout their writing. In RE, Y5 have focused on Other Cultures and have looked at the celebrations of Islam, including Ramadan and Eid-al-Fitr. During Science, the children have continued with their topic of Electricity and have investigated how resistance affects the brightness of a bulb. As a reminder, please make sure your children are reading at least four times a week and that this is recorded in their Home School Diary.

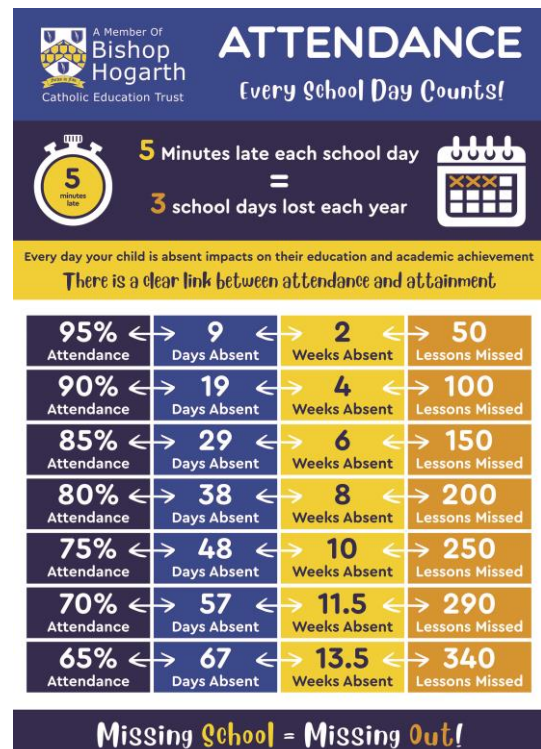
## Class News – Y6

Happy 2023 ! It's a new year and a new teacher ! Year 6 have made me very welcome ! There are some changes that I have made, including a new layout to the classroom, and the children are responding very positively. With a little over three months to go before the SATs, it's necessary for us to increase our focus on them. In Maths we have been going over the basics of arithmetic: multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. Whenever the opportunity arises, please let your child have a go at solving these problems in real life eg going shopping and adding up the bill. In English we have begun to look at descriptive writing and improving its accuracy and quality. Using semicolons correctly and persuasive techniques such as rhetorical questions can be very helpful. We have started our new history topic: the Mayans. In RE the children have started to look at the structure of the Catholic Church. In Science we are looking at the effect on increasing voltage on the brightness of a bulb. The children have also been singing in Music and have begun some zentangle-style designs in Art. They have started a weekly mindfulness session with Mrs Andrews and also enjoyed a visit from the Dog Trust! Please help the children develop their reading skills by ensuring that they read at least four times a week and record this in their diary.

## 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 earrings. All long hair should be tied up.

We ask that children wear the correct school uniform and sensible shoes. PE uniform only on PE day.



## 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.

## The Parish of the Holy Family, Hartlepool

**Parish Priest Canon Paul Douthwaite**

**St. Joseph's Church**

**St. Paul's Road**

**Hartlepool**

**TS26 9EY**

**Tel: 01429 866288**

**Parish email: [holyfamilyhartlepool@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyhartlepool@gmail.com)**



### Term Dates 2022-2023

<b>Monday 5th September 2022</b>	<b>PD Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th September 2022</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
<b>Thursday 20th October 2022</b>	<b>PD Day School closed to children</b>
<b>Break Up Friday 21st October 2022 – Return – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Friday 25th November 2022</b>	<b>PD Day School closed to children</b>
<b>Break Up – Tuesday 20th December 2022 Return – Wednesday 4th January 2023</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays:</b>
<b>Break Up - Friday 17th February 2023 Return - Monday 27th February 2023</b>	<b>February Half Term:</b>
<b>Break Up – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 Return – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 1st May 2023</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>Bank Holiday for the Coronation</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 12th May 2023</b>	<b>KS2 SATS WEEK</b>
<b>Break Up – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Return – Monday 5th June 2023</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Thursday 20th July 2023</b>	<b>Break up for Summer</b>