

# 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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28.4.23	Y2 Liturgy
1.5.23	School Closed May Bank Holiday School Closed
2.5.23 10:15	Whole school Mass at St. Joseph's Church
5.5.23	Y5 Liturgy
8.5.23	Bank Holiday for the Coronation School Closed
9.5.23-12.5.23	KS2 Sats
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	KS2 SATS No Liturgy
19/5/23	Y6 Liturgy
26/5/23	Y1 Liturgy
W/C 29/5/23	School Closed Half Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although the weather would suggest otherwise, we have now completed a week of the summer term. This is a very busy term and we have some exciting projects planned. The first is our involvement with the Tall Ships which come to Hartlepool in July. We have been linked to the ship Excelsior.

Friday saw the children awarded the Rainbow awards for last time and the introduction of a Reader, Mathematician, Writer and Catholic Life Award. These awards are given to pupils who show a range of attributes of including effort, resilience and improvement. The Catholic Life Award is for pupils who show through their actions that they live out our gospel values for example being a good friend, a peacemaker, thinking of others, the environment using their gifts and talents for others. It is not an award for being Catholic but for children who use their talents as Jesus asks us to. It is an award, like all those we have across the school, that is open to all children equally.

In the next few weeks our Y6 children will have their SATS which is the national statutory assessments. They have and are working so hard so I would ask you to keep them in your prayers.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May we celebrate the school Feast Day – St. Joseph the Worker. As you know mass is regularly held in school but on this occasion I felt that mass should be in Church. We would like you to join us for mass at 10:15 at St. Joseph's Church on that day. The younger children will travel to church by coach and the juniors will walk. Whilst at the church the children will have a guided tour of the church. Part of our RE curriculum is to look at the signs and symbols of the church.

I am delighted to inform you that my Acting Headteacher position has been made permanent. I was interviewed just before the Easter holiday. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you, your children and the staff.

God Bless,

Mrs D Hargreaves

Headteacher

## **Class News – Early Years**

In EYFS children have been learning about special objects leading up to our Islam RE topic. We have thought about what items are precious to us personally and how we look after these. We then learnt about objects which are special to Muslim people and we made a prayer mat. Reception children also made a cover for our bible, decorating it the same as Muslim's would a cover for the Qu'ran (with leaves, flowers, moon and stars). We have begun our new book 'The Enormous Turnip' and have been learning to retell the story and we have planted beans and sunflowers, as well as preparing to plant vegetables in the raised beds outside which we will harvest in September. Children have continued with their phonics and maths learning. Nursery have been learning numbers to 5 and the cardinality of those, and Reception adding and subtracting numbers as well as learning to recognise and manipulate 2D shapes and use positional language.

## **Class News – Year 1**

Before half term, Year 1 learned all about the Great Fire of London, they thoroughly enjoyed the topic and looking at life in the past. We are looking forward to starting our new Geography topic, Brazil, this half term. In Maths, Y1 are focusing on place value within 50, practising counting to and from 50 and the formation of the 2-digit numbers. In our English lessons, Y1 have been trying hard to correctly form their letters and use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly!

## **Class News – Year 2**

A massive well done to all of Year 2 for a fantastic week back at school! I am really impressed with our attitude to learning. This term, we are focusing on the topic of plants in both English and Science. This week, we are writing instructions on how to create a seed ball. In Maths, we have finished multiplication and now moving onto telling the time. In Geography, we will learn about Brazil, oceans and continents. Keep up the hard work year two! Make sure you are reading at least 3 times a week with your child and asking them questions on the text as it is so important for their learning.

## **Class News – Y3/4**

Year 3/4 have been busy this week practising their skipping skills ready for the skipping festival next week. This half term, our science topic is light. The children will be learning about different light sources, how light travels and understand that we need light to see things. They will understand how shadows are formed and carry out an investigation to see how the distance from a light source affects the size of a shadow. In English, the children will be creating a non-chronological report about Volcanoes, using the knowledge from the Geography topic last term (Angry Earth - Volcanoes) and carrying out their own research using books and the internet and our topic is maths is Fractions.

## **Class News – Y5**

Welcome back Y5. This term Y5 have a new book that they will be focusing their writing on which is Holes by Louis Sachar. They will be writing setting descriptions, non-chronological reports and instructions over the next few weeks. In Maths, Y5 are beginning their new topic of Decimals and Percentages. Within the next two weeks, they will be finding equivalent fractions and decimals (tenths, hundredths and thousands) and they will order and compare decimals. During Geography, Y5 have begun to learn about North America. So far, the children have been able to find and label the states of North America using an Atlas, explained how the Grand Canyon was formed and the effects of Hurricane Katrina. In the next two weeks, they will be focusing on the population distribution of North America and food and farming. During PE, Y5 are learning how to play cricket and the skills that go with this. In French, Y5 are able to describe their family and have translated French into English. During RE, Y5 have finished their topic of Lent and are moving on to the Pentecost. In Science, the children will be conducting investigations into melting, evaporating and the changes of state. The children in Y5 should be reading at least 4 times a week at home.

## Class News – Y6

Year 6 continue to make good progress in preparation for the SATs. Everyone is trying hard and giving their best. In the remaining few days, please provide them with as many opportunities to demonstrate their skills in reading, writing and mathematics as possible so that they can apply them to the real world and learn in real time! Once this period is over we look forward to the Lakes Trip from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June. A meeting will be arranged after SATS to go through any questions you may have about the Lakes trip. We would hope every child in Year 6 will be attending as this will be an invaluable experience at the end of their primary education.

## Uniform reminders and a plea

Just a reminder 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. Children should not wear leggings on other days. Girls should not wear leggings to school on any other day.

## The Parish of the Holy Family, Hartlepool

Parish Priest Canon Paul Douthwaite

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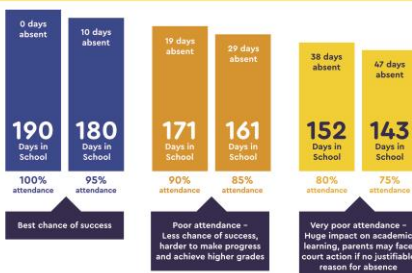
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Contact Canon Paul if you would like your child baptised.



Attend Today = Achieve Tomorrow!



95% Attendance	↔	9 Days Absent	↔	2 Weeks Absent	↔	50 Lessons Missed
90% Attendance	↔	19 Days Absent	↔	4 Weeks Absent	↔	100 Lessons Missed
85% Attendance	↔	29 Days Absent	↔	6 Weeks Absent	↔	150 Lessons Missed
80% Attendance	↔	38 Days Absent	↔	8 Weeks Absent	↔	200 Lessons Missed
75% Attendance	↔	48 Days Absent	↔	10 Weeks Absent	↔	250 Lessons Missed
70% Attendance	↔	57 Days Absent	↔	11.5 Weeks Absent	↔	290 Lessons Missed
65% Attendance	↔	67 Days Absent	↔	13.5 Weeks Absent	↔	340 Lessons Missed

Missing School = Missing Out!

## 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.

Reminder: Reading record and reading books need to be returned to school on a regular basis and blue folders in Reception and Nursery class to be returned every Monday.

<b>Term Dates 2022-2023</b>	
<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>