

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Events

31.3.23	School closes for Easter Holiday
17.4.23	School Reopens
18.4.23	Whole School Mass
21.4.23	Celebration assembly
24.4.23	Y5 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	Y3/4 Liturgy
8.5.23	Bank Holiday for the Coronation School Closed
9.5.23-12.5.23	KS2 Sats

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now reached the end of the second term and are now two thirds through the academic year. On behalf of all the staff I thank you for your continued support.

Looking at the children in the hall for Stations of the Cross this morning it was evident how much they had grown, not only in stature but also in confidence.

As the days now start to get longer and hopefully warmer we look to the change of the seasons and a time to reflect on Easter and our Lenten Journey, whether that is rebuilding friendship and building bridges, the time to be the good neighbour and friend or just reflecting on the past.

I was accompanied by two of our Y5 children to English Martyrs earlier this week for a tree planting ceremony. The children, together with some of the former pupils from St. Joseph's, planted an apple tree and plaque with the school name. This is a way for building links to the future so when our children move onto secondary school there is a living link to their past.

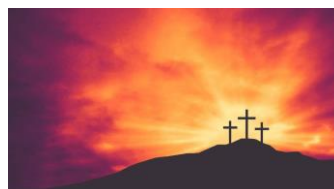
I must congratulate our Y4 children who came second in a tennis competition this week. Their attitude and behaviour were a credit to the school.

I would like to thank the parents to stayed for tea and coffee after Stations of the Cross this morning and collectively judged the Easter hats/bonnets competition. The children were delight to receive their Easter eggs this afternoon.

Wishing you a holy and happy Easter
God Bless,

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Mrs D Hargreaves



Class News – Early Years

Early Years are continuing our topic 'Let's Grow' in which we are looking at planting flowers and vegetables, talking about weather and seasons, and our focus books are Jack and the Beanstalk and Jasper's Beanstalk. We had a great World Book Day where children made spoons of the Three Little Pigs and they enjoyed retelling stories in our tuff tray areas using props for A Squash and a Squeeze. Reception have begun learning 2 letters making 1 sound in phonics and Nursery are beginning to identify initial letter sounds in words. In maths, Nursery are learning about numbers 1-5 and are doing lots of counting activities. Reception are continuing to develop skills for numbers 1-10 and beginning to identify missing parts for numbers within 5. Children have been planting beans, sunflowers and cress, have been learning about what plants need to grow and predicting what will happen if we take one of those conditions away e.g. no water, no light.

Class News – Year 1

In Y1 we have been working hard, learning all about Antarctica and enjoying the story of 'Ponko and the South Pole'. All of the children sequenced and retold the story in their own words. We finished our shape topic in maths last week and have begun focusing on numbers to 20. We have been using number lines and numicon to help us. Within RE we have looked at all of the special books in Church and their purposes.

Class News – Year 2

Well done Year 2 for an amazing start back into our Spring Term. We have been investigating our new class novel 'The Fire Bird' by figuring out who left the red feathers in our classroom. In mathematics, we have just finished our topic of multiplication and division, and next we will be moving onto fractions. In Science, we have been learning about electricity and what is powered around us. In History, we have been exploring what happened during the Great Fire of London and what caused the great blaze. 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

As Historians, Year 3/4 have been learning all about the Roman invasion of Britain and the rebellion of the Celts led by Boudica. In English, we have started exploring 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit which tells the story of the destruction of Pompeii through the eyes of a Roman Boy, Tranio. The children will be exploring dialogue and writing to create tension when they write diary entries on how they escaped the volcanic eruption. Our geography topic this half term is Angry Earth- Volcanoes and the children have learnt about the structure of the Earth and how volcanoes form. In Science, the children have enjoyed creating models of the digestive system and setting up an experiment to show the effect different drinks have on teeth.

Class News – Y5

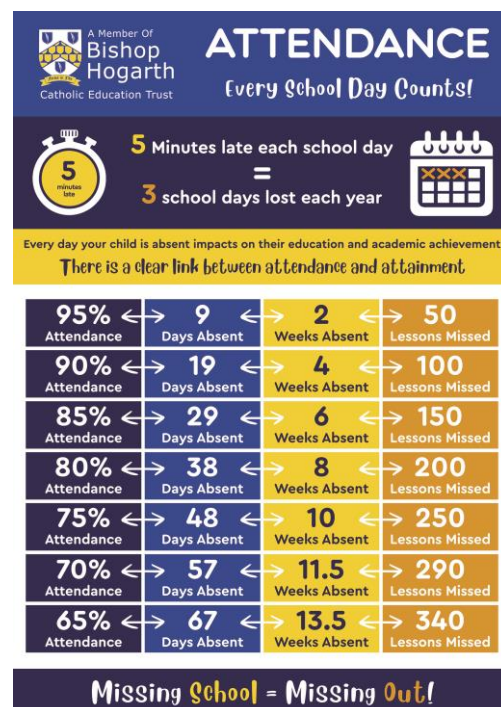
Over the past few weeks, Y5 have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom in class. They have written a newspaper article, diary entry, setting descriptions and a narrative about this book and have all extremely enjoyed it. There were a few tears shed at the end of the book! In Maths, Y5 have been focusing on fractions. They have converted improper fractions to mixed number fractions and vice versa; added, subtracted and multiplied fractions. During History, Y5 have learnt all about the Ancient Maya Civilisation and the different way in which the Mayan's lived. During PE, Y5 are learning how to play netball and the skills that go with this. They have began DT and are creating a structure. In French, Y5 are able to describe their family and have translated French into English. During RE, Y5 have learned about the Eucharist as a 'Memorial Sacrifice' and have just begun their Lent topic which is 'Sacrifice'.

Class News – Y6 - With less than two months to go before the SATS, we are now fully immersed in preparing the children for these assessments. The Maths SATs papers test children on arithmetic and reasoning. The SATs papers for English test children on grammar, punctuation, spelling and reading. Children have already completed a full series of papers in class and, overall, I must say that the progress is favourable. In this forthcoming assessment week, Year 6 children across the whole trust will be taking another full set of papers and with this information it will be possible to track children's progress, identify areas of weakness and set individual targets for improvement. This period of time can be stressful and so it is essential to focus on student well-being and balance the demands of the curriculum with opportunities for some calm and enjoyment. To this end, the children are working on a whole class presentation of the poem *If* by Rudyard Kipling which we hope to have ready to perform by the end of the month. Additionally, the children are enjoying our class reader, *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo. Morpurgo is renowned for his magical storytelling ability and this book has certainly captivated Year 6, exposing them to a rich and stimulating narrative whilst providing a welcome break from their studies. Please make sure that regular reading is happening at home. I would also be grateful if children could be tested on their multiplication tables whenever the chance arises. It is so important for their fluency in calculation and will serve them well for SATs, secondary school, infinity and beyond. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the forthcoming parents consultation on 21 and 22 March

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. **Please do not send Lipsil or lip balm into school.**

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.



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
Tuesday 9th May-Friday 12th May 2023	KS2 SATS WEEK
Break Up – Friday 26th May 2023 Return – Monday 5th June 2023	Half Term
Thursday 20th July 2023	Break up for Summer

Holy Family

Roman Catholic Parish

St Mary's, St John Vianney's, St Patrick's and St Joseph's Churches

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King Olney Drive
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Oxton Manor Lane
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Solemn Masses

1st & 2nd Term

Date	Feast	John Vianney's	St Patrick's	St John Vianney's	St Paul's
Saturday 14th April	Vigil Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	3.00pm - 3.30pm Exposition/Confessions 4.00pm Mass W. John McAlpine			6.00pm Mass Private Intention DT
Sunday 21st April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	10.00am Mass Hall Family Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass Steven Tierney Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass Gemma Taylor Coffee after Mass	10.00am Mass John Skiving
Monday 3rd April		6.00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction 6.30pm Mass Boyd & Turnbull Families			
Tuesday 4th April		12.05pm Mass Cyril Bush	10.00am Requiem Mass Missa McCoughlin 6.00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction 6.30pm Mass Eily Jordan AC		2.00pm Rosary
Wednesday 9th April		6.00pm - 6.20pm Exposition/Confessions 6.30pm Mass Christine Harwell		9.00am Mass No Intention 9.30am Stations of the Cross and Benediction	
Thursday 6th April	Holy Thursday	8.00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper Edith & Tommy Wigham	4.00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper Maurice Brown With Intention	6.00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper Deceased Members of St John Vianney Guild	8.00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper Margaret Mass Fund
Friday 1st April	Good Friday	3.00pm Solemn Passion	4.00pm Solemn Passion	3.00pm Solemn Passion	6.00pm Solemn Passion
Saturday 8th April	(Vigil) Easter Sunday	8.00pm Easter Vigil Theresa Day	6.00pm Easter Vigil No Intention	8.00pm Easter Vigil George & Peggy Heel	6.00pm Easter Vigil Tony Robinson
Sunday 9th April	Easter Sunday	10.00am Mass McDonald & Craven Families Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass John & Winnie Joy	11.00am Mass Alan Langley Coffee after Mass	

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