

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Events

9:10 am Tuesday 8th November 2022	Whole school and Parish Mass in the school hall
Friday 11th November 2022	All welcome KS2 Trip to the cinema
2:30pm Friday 11 November 2022	Y3/4 Liturgy Remembrance
Tuesday 15th November 2022	Y1/2 visit to the museum
Friday 18th November 2022	EYFS Trip to the cinema
2:30pm Friday 18th November 2022	Reception Liturgy
9:10 am Tuesday 22th November 2022	Whole school and Parish Mass in the school hall All welcome
Friday 25th November 2022	School closed Staff PD Day
9:05am Friday 2st 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
9:05am Friday 9st December 2022	Y3/4 Liturgy

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a restful half term holiday and it was lovely to see the children eager to start this new half term.

At the end of last term, I had the pleasure of having afternoon tea with the children who had been awarded start of the week and conversation ranged from maths problems, sports and music.

Our newly appointed leadership teams have started in their roles. You may have noticed the work in progress on our newly positioned library as you came into school for parents evening. The librarians were given a budget, and a catalogue from which to choose books for the library. I was impressed by the range and number of books they managed to choose without going over budget!

It has been lovely to celebrate mass in school and this week we celebrated the solemnity of All Saints. Canon Paul reminded us that we are called to be saints by doing the small things well. A smile, saying 'hello' and playing with others are all simple things that can make a difference to someone's day.

Please note the changes in time for liturgies for the 11th and 18th November, they will be at the end of the school day as the children will be out on trips those mornings.

You may have noticed the tables of 'lost' uniforms that were laid out in the hall this week. This was uniform collected from one half term and unfortunately none of it is labeled with children's names. If you are missing uniform please come and claim it. Anything still left by the end of next week will be donated to the Hartlepool Uniform Recycling Scheme.

God Bless

Mrs D Hargreaves
Acting Headteacher

Class News – Y5/6

Recently in Y5/6 the children are coming to the end of their History topic- WW2: The Home Front. They are currently creating a leaflet to describe and explain the different roles civilians had in The Home Front. The children have begun their new topic in Geography - 'Climate Change'. They have looked at how the world's climate has changed over thousands of years using line graphs. The children have continued to use our class book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' to answer comprehension questions. Both Y5 and Y6 have had talks from the school nurse recently about the changes they will experience in their emotions and bodies as they grow older. Our Y6 have started to receive extra tutoring in their math and have extremely enjoyed their lessons so far. The children have begun to learn about the skills they need in Sports Hall Athletics during PE. This week, we have started our new science topic which is Electricity and will be looking at building and understanding circuits.

Class News – Y3/4

Year 3/4 have been busy this week. They enjoyed a dance session where they pretended to be fireworks. In English, we have been exploring Greek myths and have planned our own myths. In maths, Y4 have been using written methods to add and subtract 4 digit numbers while Y3 have been adding and subtracting a 3 digit number and 1s and 10s. We have also been creating a class blog giving online safety advice.

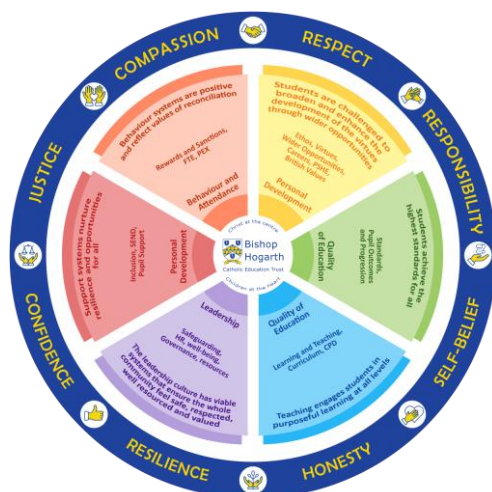
Class News – Year 1/2

In Y1/2 we have had a very busy week! We enjoyed racing against each other in our PE lesson and we were lucky enough to have a dance session where we pretended to be fireworks. In Maths, Y1 have focused on using number bonds to 10 and Y2 have started to use column addition. In our English lessons we have changed the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' to include our own creatures and worked hard to improve our descriptions. This week we have also created beautiful firework pictures!

Class news – Early Years

In EYFS we have been reading Room on the Broom this week and our new focus story is The Gingerbread Man. We have lots of new activities matching our story and have been excited to try these. In phonics Nursery and 2 year olds have focused on Little Red Riding Hood, forest sounds, sounds made by instruments and the initial sounds in words that are the same. Reception phonics has including learning new sight word 'for' and new sounds b, c, g, h, d, e and children have been working hard trying to blend sounds into words. In counting, Nursery have used mathematical language of large and small and have grouped objects, Reception have been counting within 1-7 and have counting objects in a range of ways as well as counting out from a larger set. Karen Liddle School of Dance came in this week and all of the children took part in songs with actions in the hall. Our focus Nursery Rhyme is Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and our RE Topic is Baptism.

Trust Virtues



Compassion:

Respect:

Responsibility:

Self- Belief:

Honesty:

Resilience:

Confidence:

Justice:

Uniform reminders and a plea

We have a mass a large number of coats, jumpers, cardigans and jackets since the start of term all without names. We will try and match the items with their owners next week but our plea is please label every item with your child's name.

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 had 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.

Healthy eating

Only water should be brought to school in your child's water bottle - juice is not allowed

Birthday cakes can be brought into school but they must be individual cakes ie cupcakes, due to allergies

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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 not the front door for safety reasons.



Term Dates 2022-2023

PD Day	Monday 5th September 2022
Return to School:	Tuesday 6th September 2022
October Half Term:	Break Up – Thursday 20th October 2022
PD day	Friday 21st October 2022 – School closed to children
	Return – Monday 31 st October 2022
PD Day	Friday 25th November 2022 – School closed to children
Christmas Holidays:	Break Up – Tuesday 20th December 2022
	Return – Wednesday 4th January 2023
February Half Term:	Break Up - Friday 17th February 2023
	Return - Monday 27th February 2023
Easter Holidays:	Break Up – Friday 31 st March 2023
	Return – Monday 17 th April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2023
Whit Half Term:	Break Up – Friday 26 th May 2023
	Return – Monday 5th June 2023
Break up for Summer:	Thursday 20th July 2023