St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Events

9::05 Friday 10th
February 2023

9:00 Tuesday
14th February 2023

9:05 Friday 17th
February 2023

Week Commencing

No assembly or liturgy

Whole school and parish mass. Y5 to lead

Y2 Liturgy

Half Term

20th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have enjoyed my afternoon tea sessions with the children. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Tindall joined me with the KS2 children. They shared some amazing facts about history and geography topics they have learnt so far this year but also in previous years.

We have recently introduced a weekly wellbeing session for each of the classes. The children listen to music as they learn a range of drawing techniques based on the work of Mary Fleeson of Lindisfarne Scriptorium. The aim is for the children to create some large-scale artwork, based on her work, for the display boards in the hall Samples of her work are located around the school on our focus tables. Currently the one on the stage in the hall is the 'Our Father.'

Our Y5 children had a lovely time at the Youth Village and for many of the children this was the first time they had been away from home.

I am delighted that the school will be working with one of our local police officers over the coming months. Last Friday we welcomed PC Goggins into school. He led an assembly for the KS2 children and parents about how to stay safe online. Attached to this newsletter are some simple guides on how to make sure that our children's settings on social media is private. We are aware that children use a range of social media but after discussions with them we realised that many had not set their accounts to private or had extra accounts that parents did not know about. The age for such accounts are 13 years old.

There is no liturgy this Friday but you are more than welcome to join us for mass and liturgy next week.

Have a lovely week.

God Bless,

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Mrs D Hargreaves

Class News - Early Years

This week, the children in Reception have been having fun exploring colour mixing and creating lots of new colours! There were new adventures in home corner where space travel to the moon in a large box for a rocket was the best way to travel, counting stars on the way. The children also made colourful lanterns for Chinese New Year, The year of The Rat. We have been reading the book Peace at Last, which the children have enjoyed.

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

Year 2 have been working extremely hard in their lessons this term. We have been completing a narrative story in English based on the book 'Ponko and the South Pole' by Meredith Hooper. We have focused on using speech marks and expanded noun phrases. In maths, we have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes and their properties and next we will be moving on to multiplication and division. In RE, we have just finished our topic of Local Church and we will be moving on to learning about the Eucharist. During Science, we have been observing the change in season and exploring how some animals hibernate and others migrate. We even spotted some daffodils starting to grow outside!

Class News - Y3/4

Year 3/4 have started a new topic in Science, learning about teeth and digestion. They have learnt the names of the different types of teeth that humans have and can describe the job of each type of tooth. The children enjoyed taking part in a skipping workshop led by Gail from the skipping school and worked hard learning some of the new skills. They will be taking part in a skipping competition in April so will be continuing to practise these skills. In maths , our current focus is multiplication and division, working on improving our recall of the times tables (3, 4 and 8 times tables for the Year 3 children and all the tables up to 12 x 12 for the Year 4 children). To help secure their times tables, they should practise them regularly at home and can use 'Times Tables Rockstars' online to support this.

Class News - Y5

Over the past two weeks, Y5 have worked brilliantly whilst writing a newspaper article to inform their readers about Michael's disappearance from our class novel Kensuke's Kingdom. The children have focused on their handwriting, modal verbs and inverted speech. In Maths, Y5 have focused on fractions. They have recognised and found equivalent fractions. We have begun out Mayan topic in History this week by researching facts all about the Maya using leaflets and trusted websites. The children thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip last week to the Youth Village and were all fantastic!



Class News - Y6

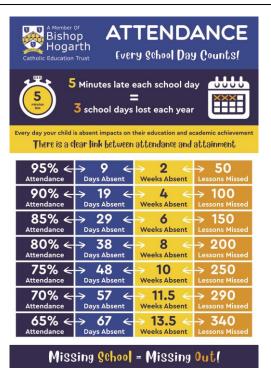
This week we began our after-school booster sessions for the SATs. The class were given a past paper from a previous year. It is important for them to become familiar with its layout and style. Having this information is an advantage in that it helps prepare the children for the variety of questions that they will have and how much time they will have available to answer them. Since this was a Reading Paper, in addition to the answer booklet, there is also a reading booklet containing three separate texts. In the remaining 10 or so school weeks, we will continue to work on all of the SATs papers that the children will face in May. We have a Prayer book in which all the children can record the things that they wish to share with their God. Whilst they are free to lead the whole class in this prayer, some children wish for this to be a private reflection. Either way, this is an effective way for us as a class to come together and shed some light into the darkness of our fears and our sorrows, our hopes and joys. In this way, we have recently commemorated the work of Martin Luther King and also marked the holocaust memorial day. In English, we have been looking at letter writing, specifically an informal letter persuading someone that flying is safe. We have also looked at improving the quality of sentences and including more compound and complex structures in our writing. In Maths, the focus of our attention has been on fractions, percentages and decimals. In History, we have compared the lifestyle of a Mayan noble with that of a Mayan farmer and, using ICT skills, children are collating all their research into a power-point presentation.

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. **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.







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

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