

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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Events

9:05 am Friday 7th October 2022	Whole school celebration assembly and prayer liturgy led by Y5/6
9:10 am Tuesday 11th October	Whole school and Parish Mass in the school hall All welcome
Friday 14th October 2022	Whole school celebration assembly and Harvest prayer liturgy led by Y3/4
Tuesday 18th October 2022	Tempest Photography in school for school photos
Friday 21st October 2022	PD Day School closed to children
Friday 23rd October – Monday 31st October 2022	Half Term Holiday
Monday 31st October 2022	School reopens after the half term
9:10 am Tuesday 1st November 2022	Whole school and Parish Mass in the school hall All welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome parents back into school last week for the reception welcome liturgy. Our youngest children were super stars. If you have not already seen their film have a look on our Facebook page. You might need to scroll down as we have been busy sharing lots of news this week.

This last two weeks our Facebook page also shows in pictures the range of activities that the children take part in over a school week. Science investigations and a wide range of sporting opportunities. We are very proud of our children taking part in competitions, supporting each other and sharing in the delight of those from school who qualified to compete in the Hartlepool cross country finals next week.

The McMillian Coffee afternoon was a great success and thank you for supporting such a worthy cause. The school raised £129.35.

Next Friday Y3/4 will lead the liturgy on the theme of Harvest. You are most welcome to join us. We will be collecting donations for packets, tins, jars etc. for the local food bank and any donations will be gratefully received. Any donations can be brought into school any day next week.

Last week we announced the class representatives of our Mini Vinnies, SNAG Group and School Council members. Most of the Y6 children applied for and were interviewed for our new leadership roles. There are still a couple of children to interview next week before we can reveal the posts. Mr Tindall, our Chair of Governors, and I were very impressed with the children's confidence and their views about the school as they explained which role they would like and why.

The children who have started their First Holy Communion programme will be welcomed to the parish at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday as part of their preparation.

God Bless.

Mrs D Hargreaves
Acting Headteacher

Class News – Y5/6

Recently in RE, Y5/6 have been learning about qualities that God has given us and how Maximilian Kolbe spread the Good News of Jesus during WW2 and how his ultimate sacrifice led to his sainthood. A group of Y5/6 girls represented the school at Gray Fields at a football tournament. They were fantastic and have now developed a love for football. In addition, a group of children out of our class also represented the school at a Cross Country Tournament at English Martyrs School. Three children also went on to compete at the Cross-Country Town Finals at High Tunstall. Well done to all who participated! The children have continued to use our class book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' to create a diary entry, writing in the role as one of the main characters. To improve on the children's multiplications, we would like (as part of ongoing homework) the children to complete 20 minutes of TT Rockstarts three times a week. The children also need to read a minimum of four times a week at home- two of which can be working through Reading Plus assignments.

The School Nurse will be coming into school to talk to Year 5s about Personal Hygiene and Puberty on Tuesday 11 October – if you do not want your child to be included in this, please contact the school office.

Class News – Y3/4

Year 3/4 have been learning about forces and magnets in Science. They have enjoyed investigating friction between an object and different surfaces and testing materials to find out which materials are magnetic. In History, they have been learning about the religious beliefs of the Ancient Greeks.

Class News – Year 1/2

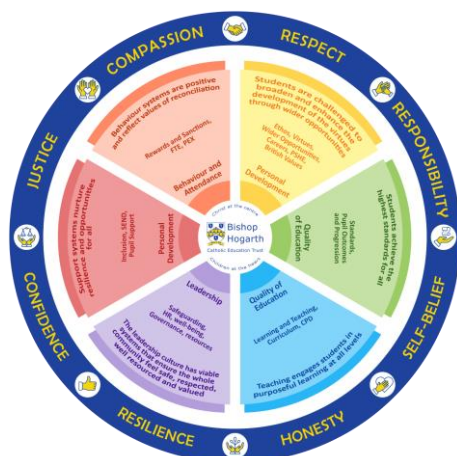
Year 1/2 have been working hard and have enjoyed finding out about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in our Science lessons. In maths, Y1 children have been ordering and comparing numbers and Y2 have been using the inverse to check their calculations. In RE we have talked about how God created the world and are beginning to develop our 'I wonder' questions about the world around us. A special thank you to some of our Y2 children who have wanted to read their books from home to the rest of the class at the end of the day!

Class news – Early Years

In Early Years our story is The Little Red Hen and Reception are learning to retell the story. We have a new area set up to help us remember all the parts of the story and stick puppets to play with so we remember the characters. Nursery are singing lots of rhymes and we are learning Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. In Reception, we have lots of activities linked to our learning such as making pancake faces in the Creative Workshop. Children have been practising cutting skills and using lots of different resources to make and stick. They painted portraits of themselves last week for a celebration assembly and thought about what they wanted to be when they grow up.

In both Nursery and Reception children have been learning phonics. This week in Nursery has been all about pet sounds and in Reception we have learnt letters n, o, p. Reception have been practising activities after their lessons to learn letter sounds. In Maths, Nursery are pairing numbers with amounts and Reception are focusing on numbers 3, 4, 5, and learning how to form our numbers correctly and how to hold a pencil.

Trust Virtues



Compassion:

Respect:

Responsibility:

Self- Belief:

Honesty:

Resilience:

Confidence:

Justice:

Uniform reminders and a plea

We have amassed 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.

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.

Harvest Festival

On the 14th October Y3/4 will lead our Harvest Festival. We will be collecting non perishable food items such as pasta, rice, tinned items, cereal etc. which will be donated to the local foodbank. Any donations will be gratefully received and can be brought into school from the 14th October.



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