



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 9th February 2024- Children break up from school for half term holiday

Monday 19th February 2024- Children return to school

Thursday 22nd February 2024 - Mass in school- 2.15pm (all welcome)

Saturday 24th February 2024- Family mass at St. Mary's Church-12pm (volunteers required)

Wednesday 6th March 2024- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea (2pm- more info to follow)

Thursday 21st March 2024- Mass in school- 2.15pm (all welcome)

Saturday 23rd March 2024- Family mass at St. Mary's Church-12pm (volunteers required)

Wednesday 27th March 2024- Disco 3.15pm -5pm

Thursday 28th March 2024- Children break up from school for Easter holiday

Monday 15th April 2024- Children return to school

Monday 6th May- Bank Holiday (school closed)

Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024- Year 6 will sit Key Stage SATs

Friday 24th May 2024- Children break up from school for half term holiday

Monday 3rd June 2024- Children return to school

Wednesday 12th June 2024- Father's Day Afternoon Tea (2pm- more info to follow)

Friday 12th July 2024- Key Stage 2 to see Awful Auntie at Darlington Hippodrome

Wednesday 17th July 2024- Disco 3.15pm -5pm

Friday 19th July 2024- Colour Run- 2.15pm (more info to follow)

Friday 19th July 2024- Children break up from school for summer holiday

January Highlights

Team Up Kids:

During January, Key Stage 2 are taking part in Team Up Kids. This provides us with the tools for life long wellbeing. We carry out physical activities linked to mental wellbeing.

Judo Dan:

On Thursday 15th January, Judo Dan came to teach us some Judo techniques. A great morning was had by all.

Sports hall Athletics Festival:

On Friday 19th January, Y5/6 took part in an indoor athletics competition. We competed well in our events.

OASES:

On Tuesday 23rd January, we had a visitor from OASES. He taught us all about global sustainability. We are thinking as a school how we can save electricity. Our eco-warriors will be carrying out more work in school.



Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during January

Luna Noah Alice F Demi-Lea Caleb

Megan Lucja Iga Logan W Scarlett Isabella W



Attendance

Children are required to be at school by 9am as our core subject lessons (English and Maths) begin immediately after registration.

Appointments should be made out of school time where possible please.

Holidays should be taken outside of term time.

The Department for Education deems that if a child's attendance drops below 90%, they become known as a Persistent Absentee. All absences are monitored thoroughly.

To celebrate great attendance, children with 100% in a week receive 10 dojos on a Friday.

Below are the percentages of attendance for each class for January:

Matthew (Nursery/Reception) – 87%

Mark (Year 1/2) – 91%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 88%

John (Year 5/6) – 90%

The government's target for attendance for primary school pupils is at least 95%.

Our whole school attendance for January was 89.2%

Our whole school attendance since the beginning of September is 90.5%

A child is classed as late if they arrive at school after 9.20am.

1.0% of our pupils arrived late in January.

A child is classed as unauthorised absence is they arrive at school after 9.30am.

4.0% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in January.



Uniform

School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

If your child is not in correct school uniform, we will ask for correct uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

Our uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan



- White polo shirt



- Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore dress



- Sensible, plain black leather shoes/ trainers



Jeans and leggings are not permitted. Skirts and trousers should be grey not black.

PE

On PE days, children are to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

Mark (Year 1/2)- Monday

Luke (Year 3/4)- Thursday

John (Year 5/6)- Thursday

Our PE uniform is:

- Plain white T-shirt with no branding or logos from professional sports teams
- Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with no branding or logos from professional

sports teams

- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan or hoodie
- Suitable black trainers

If your child comes to school in PE kit on a day which is not their PE day, we will ask for uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

Eco Warriors Update

We have a battery recycling box in the main school reception area. We would love it if you could bring batteries in, when they're finished with, and recycle them. Please look for the box with the following sticker on:



We have been working with OASES to look at ways to reduce our energy usage in school. At home, you can reduce your energy usage by turning off lights when not in a room, turning off electrical items when not using and not leaving them on standby. By doing these things, you'll be saving the planet and reducing your energy bills.



Thank you!



Mini Vinnies Update

We have a sharing shelf for uniform and food in the main reception area. We would greatly appreciate donations. Please feel free to take items from the shelves.



Monday 8th January was the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord. On Tuesday 9th, when we returned to school, we led whole school Celebration of the Word.



February is:



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2 YEAR OLD PLACES AVAILABLE

from
15TH APRIL
2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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