



Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 2nd November 2023- Mass in school at 2.15pm. All welcome

Tuesday 7th November 2023- Open evening for nursery and reception

Saturday 11th November 2023- Family mass at St. Mary's Church 12pm- children to volunteer

Tuesday 14th November 2023- Parents' evening

Monday 20th November 2023- School photographs

Wednesday 6th December 2023- Christmas coffee afternoon (with stalls) 2pm

Thursday 7th December 2023- Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day

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Saturday 9th December 2023- Family mass at St. Mary's Church 12pm- children to volunteer

Wednesday 13th December 2023- Whole school visit to the pantomime (Snow White)

Wednesday 13th December 2023- Polar Express Night 3.15pm-5pm

Thursday 14th December 2023- Carol service at St. Mary's Church 6pm- children to volunteer

Friday 15th December 2023- Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity 10am

Wednesday 20th December 2023- Disco 3.15pm-5pm

Friday 22nd December 2023- Children break up for Christmas holiday

Tuesday 9th January 2024- Children return to school

October Highlights

National Poetry Day-

On Thursday 5th October, we celebrated National Poetry Day. The theme for the day was refuge. We wrote poems and created artwork linked to the theme.

Fire Service -

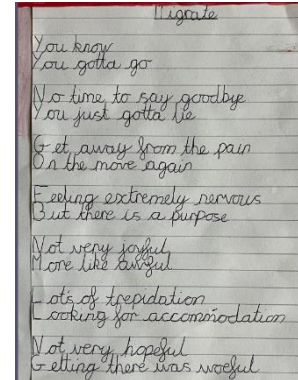
On Monday 9th October, the fire service came in to talk to us about firework and fire safety with bonfire almost upon us. The children showed excellent knowledge and asked brilliant questions. Thank you to our brave volunteers when it came to practising the stop, drop and roll technique!

Harry Potter Day-

On Friday 13th October, we celebrated Harry Potter Day. We took part in a live lesson with Luna Lovegood from the films and carried out a range of activities including creative writing, drawing Hogwarts and composing our own spells. The school was full of wizards, witches and muggles- it was fantastic!

Bishop's Visit-

On Wednesday 18th October, Bishop Stephen Wright was welcomed to our trust with a beautiful celebration at St. John's Secondary School. Pupils from across the trust joined together to sing and dance. A huge well done to Kirsty and Harry who represented our school- they were fantastic ambassadors for St. Joseph's.



Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during October

Archie H Hollie K Logan K Olivia L
Amelia P Milly- Faith R



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 October:

Matthew (Nursery/Reception) - 89%

Mark (Year 1/2) - 93%

Luke (Year 3/4) - 89%

John (Year 5/6) - 92%

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

Our whole school attendance for October was 90.9%.

Our whole school attendance since the beginning of September is 92.1%.

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

0.2% of our pupils arrived late in October.

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

2.4% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in October.



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 are setting up 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:



Thank you!



Mini Vinnies Update

We would like to say a massive thank you for your generosity towards our harvest food bank appeal.



We would like to say a huge thank you for your kind donations to our sharing shelf, both uniform and food- please continue to give and take as needed from this.

Thank you!

