



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope you all had a lovely break, the children have definitely come back into school with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

## **Celebration of the Word**

This week's Celebration of the Word focused on Pope Francis.

Almighty God,  
We thank you for the life of Pope Francis.

May we who mourn his death,  
Continue to live lives of faith, hope and love,  
True to the teaching of the Gospel.

We pray that he may find peace in your Kingdom,  
Where you live for ever and ever.

Amen.



Thank you for all of the parents and carers who attended our Easter Mass in church and well done to Year 6 for leading the celebration beautifully. It was lovely to have our whole school community worshipping together in church to celebrate the Easter message.

## **Easter Story – Art Gallery**

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our Easter story art gallery. Each class produced art work depicting part of the Easter story and this was on display in the hall. We have some very talented artists in school and this shone through in our display. Well done to each class for helping us understand the Easter story through art.

## Prayer Garden

Our prayer garden is now complete and this was officially blessed by Father Martin in a Celebration of the Word service attended by the children from Mini-Vinnies, the school council, house captains, vice-captains, along with school governors, a representative from the trust and artist Geri Mole who designed our stained-glass window display. The area will be used for reflective prayer and meditation. The stained-glass window has certainly brightened up the corridor and the garden is a calm, welcoming space for children and staff.



## Nursery Easter Crafts

Our nursery children and their families had a lovely morning making Easter crafts, singing Easter songs and enjoying hot cross buns. Thank you to all of our nursery parents who came along to support the children at this event it was a joyous way to end the term in Nursery.



## Year 6

Our Year 6 class are working extremely hard preparing for their SAT's which begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep the children and their class teacher Miss Cutter in your prayers. We wish them good luck and all we ask is that they try their best.

## Safetyworks



Our Year 6 children enjoyed a visit to Safetyworks in Newcastle. This is a full size town where children learn life skills and keeping themselves safe.

They learn about consequences of breaking the law, road safety, water safety and going out and about on public transport and the Metro. The children participate in fun interactive role play activities in small group sessions.

Everyone had a great morning at Safetyworks learning new skills.

## Year 4 Handball Competition

Well done to our Year 4 children who took part in a handball competition at Washington Leisure Centre. The children were well prepared through a programme of coaching sessions in school. They were amazing and represented our school brilliantly!



## Year 2 Parent Meetings

Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up for a parents meeting with the Year 2 class teacher. We know that due to staff absence, the meetings had to be rescheduled and we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding. To be able to accommodate a meeting we unfortunately needed to make times for these meetings during the working day, which we appreciate would be short notice for some working families. If any parents are struggling with time off work to be able to attend, please let the school office know and a mutually convenient time can be re-arranged for you to speak to the class teacher.

**Hot Weather**

We love it when the sun shines! Please can sun cream be applied before children come to school, they will be outside during the day. Sun cream should not be brought into school for children to apply themselves. Children should also have a hat and bring their water bottle into school, they can re-fill their water bottles from our cool water fountains in school.

**Staff Shout Out**

This week's staff shout out goes to Mrs S Kelly for her enthusiasm and hard work in school. She is super organised and always has a smile on her face.

**Attendance**

As part of our attendance monitoring and in line with the attendance policy, letters of attendance will be sent out to parents every half term, detailing your child's attendance percentage.

We will be continuing our attendance monitoring this term. If attendance has dropped below our Trust target of 97% an attendance letter may be sent out.

Well done to Year 6 this week their attendance was 98.9% so they get to look after Bingo the Bear, our school mascot.

**Keeping Children Safe**

Every member of staff in school will act to keep children safe. Our designated staff who have a lead role in keeping them safe are:

Mrs E Maher - Headteacher

Mrs F Lawton – Acting Deputy Headteacher

Mrs J Johnson – Senior Leader

Mrs P Swanston – Business Manager

Mr R Topping Safeguarding Link Governor

**Lunch Money**

School lunch is £2.85 per day. Payments for school lunches must be made on the Monday for the week ahead. We cannot operate a system which allows arrears to build up for meals taken in previous weeks.

**What's on this Term – this may change and new dates maybe added**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Mass in Church – parents/carers welcome to attend 10am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 and Reception class picnic
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 5 Bikeability week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Mass in Church – parents/carers welcome to attend 10am
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term – School Closed
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Mass in Church – parents/carers welcome to attend 10am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Beamish Museum – further details to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY – School closed to children
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class attending Mass in Church – parents/carers welcome to attend 10am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Tempest Photography – Reception Class, Year 6 and Football Team Group Photographs
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Mass in Church – parents/carers welcome to attend 10am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Emmaus Youth Village Festival – further details to follow
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 – transition days to St. Robert's
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 5 Mass in Church – parents/carers welcome to attend 10am
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Moving Up Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5 Celebration of Sport event – Gateshead Stadium
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 attending Mass in Church – parents/carers welcome to attend 10am
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 end of year production – further details to follow
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass – whole school attending – parents/carers welcome to attend 10am
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 End of year picnic
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – Further information to follow