



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 19

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week comes to an end. Well done to Year 4L for a fantastic class assembly all about the Romans and what they did for us. A special thank you to Miss Lewis and Mrs Shahruckh for all the hard work put into preparing this. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the dance and gymnastic coaches from Katie Driscoll Dance Coaching who have been supporting our children and staff over the last few terms. The Children have really enjoyed these sessions and we look forward to working with them again next year when our year group PE topics return to dance and gymnastics.

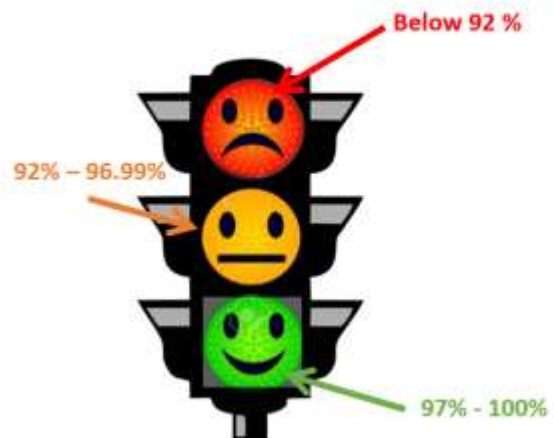
Dates for next week-

- **9am Sunday Family Mass in Church led by Y3G /Y3J also Mass of Commitment - followed by a brief parents talk (15/20minutes)**
- **8:45am Monday- Year 6J parents- 'Meet the new teacher'**
- **Monday 5th-11th February- Children's Mental Health Week**
- **Tuesday 6th- Internet Safety Day**

Attendance

FYBS	93.75%
FYM	100%
Y1S	84.48%
Y1L	93.52%
Y2E	91.25%
Y2K	91.67%
Y3J	94.53%
Y3G	96.21%
Y4L	85.08%
Y4R	95.97%
Y5W	96.12%
Y5R	85.48%
Y6J	92.74%
Y6H	93.75%

ATTENDANCE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM



PE Events

This year we have taken part or are booked to take part in the following externally provided events:

Football league & cup- 8 matches,
Tag Rugby,
Multi-skills Y3 & Y4,
Multi-skills Y1 & Y2,
Indoor Athletics Year 3 & Y4,
Netball league (spring/summer),
Indoor Athletics Y1 & Y2 (Spring),
Cricket Y4 & Y5 (Summer term),
Catholic Athletics (Summer term).

As a school we are aiming to get our School Games Mark which will be assessed in the Summer, this should also recognise that PE is highly valued here at St Joseph's. As a school we have invested heavily in continuous professional development for staff to help develop the lessons in school and in turn aiming to foster an interest in physical activity among the children. We are pleased with the results we have

seen from this. We are very grateful to all our members of staff, many who have young families of their own and juggle child care to give up their own time to ensure the children are ready for these events and support them on the day.

After School Club Offer

We have worked hard this year to add variety with the after school clubs we can offer here at St Joseph's. Please see the clubs that will be offered during Spring 2, as has been the case with all clubs run by school staff, these continue to be free for parents and we thank staff for their commitment to offering our children a wide variety across the year. Separate letters have been sent regarding clubs for Spring 2, via Parent Mail.

We are very happy to be able to offer 15 different clubs throughout the week for Spring 2.

Autumn		Spring 1	Spring 2
Extra Curriculum Club			
Mondays	Yoga Club for Years 2- 6	Yoga Club Year 2- 6	Yoga Club Y2 - Y6
Tuesdays			Illustration Club Y2,3 &4
Tuesdays	Boys' Football Club for Years 5 & 6	Netball Years 5 & 6	Netball Y5 & Y6
Tuesdays	STEM Science Club for Years 5 & 6	Illustration Club Y2,Y3 & Y4	Boys' Football Club for Y5 & Y6
Tuesdays		Mindfulness Club- Y2-Y6	Reading for pleasure club Y4 & Y5
Tuesdays			Lexia Club
Wednesdays	Leapfrog Multi Sports for Years 1 & 2	Leapfrog Multi Sports for Y1 & Y2	Leapfrog Multi Sports for Y1 & Y2
Wednesday Lunchtime	Pudding and Pie	Pudding and Pie	Pudding and Pie
Wednesdays	Chess Club for Years 5 & 6	Musical Ensemble	Musical Ensemble KS2
Wednesdays	Cricket Club for Years 5 & 6	Dance Club	Computing Club with Miss Sheppard Y4 & Y5
Thursdays		X2 Homework Clubs Y2-Y6 (60 Places)	Homework Club Y2-Y6
Thursdays	Walk & Talk	Story Time Craft Club- Y1 & Y2	Walk and Talk Y3-Y6 (Lunchtimes just for Spring 2 as the evenings are still dark)
Thursdays	Choir for Years 5 & 6	Girls' Football Club	
Thursdays	Football Club for Years 3 to 6		
Fridays	Rugby Tots Years 1 & 2	Rugby Tots Y1 & Y2	Rugby Tots Y1 & Y2
Fridays			Lego Club Y1 & Y2
Friday Lunchtime	Pudding & Pie Year 6	Pudding & Pie Y6	Pudding & Pie Y6

PTA

Thank you to everyone that attended last week's PTA meeting to discuss plans for Easter. We really appreciate the parents that were able to give up their time to help discuss these events for the children. We will be having a PTA non-uniform day on 22nd March. On 27th March there will be an Easter Egg hunt for KS1 and Easter Egg design competition for KS2.

Tea and Cake with Mum

We are inviting mums to come and have tea and cake with their child in school. This will take place on Tuesday 12th March for FY and Y1.

Wednesday 13th March for Y2 & Y3

Thursday 14th March for Y4, Y5, Y6.

All of which will start at 2pm in the hall. We will send out further details and how to sign up closer to the date.



This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of Ordinary time



God our Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen

Dates for your diary Spring 2024		
Sunday 4 th February	9.00am	Family Mass in Church led by Y3G /Y3J also Mass of Commitment - followed by a brief parents talk (@15/20minutes) (instead of an evening after school)
Monday 5 th February		Children's Mental Health Week Starts
Tuesday 6 th February		Internet Safety Day (Assemblies for both KS1 and KS2 Children)
Thurs 8th February	Last day of half term for the children	
Friday 9 th February	All day	School closed for staff INSET
12 th February – 16 th February school will be closed for the half term holiday		
Mon 19 th February	8:35am	Children return from half term holiday
Mon 19 th February	9.00am	Fr Hudson's Assembly presentation to the children
Tues 20 th February	PM	Y5R to attend Swimming at Whitehouse Common until Easter holidays
Wed 28 th February	3.30-5.50pm	Parents Evening (night 1) - Parent mail sign up will go live on Monday 19 th at 2pm
Thurs 29 th February	3.30-5.50pm	Parents Evening (night 2) - Parent mail sign up will go live on Monday 19 th at 2pm
Thurs 29 th February	9.00am	Phonics information talk for Year 1 parents
Thurs 7 th March	9.00am	SATS information talk for Year 6 parents
Thurs 7 th March	3:30pm- 4:30pm	PTA Meeting
12 th - 14 th March	2.00pm	Afternoon Tea with Mums
Thurs 14 th March	9.00am	Multiplication Times table Check information talk for Year 4 parents
Friday 15 th March	11.00am Y3G 1.45pm Y3J	Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church
Friday 22 nd March		PTA Non-Uniform Day
Wed 27 th March		KS1 Easter Egg hunt & KS2 Easter Egg Design Competition

Yours sincerely,

Mr G M O'Hara

Mrs L Chambers

Mr J P Lynch

Principal

Vice Principal

Assistant Principal