



# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 17

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have all been learning lots and having fun despite the cold weather. Year 2 had a fantastic 'China Day' on Tuesday where they practised their skills using chop-sticks, created Chinese inspired artwork and researched Chinese culture. We would like to say thank you to Father Ryan for leading our first whole school Mass of 2024. Well done to the Y4 children for their wonderful readings.

### **Dates for next week-**

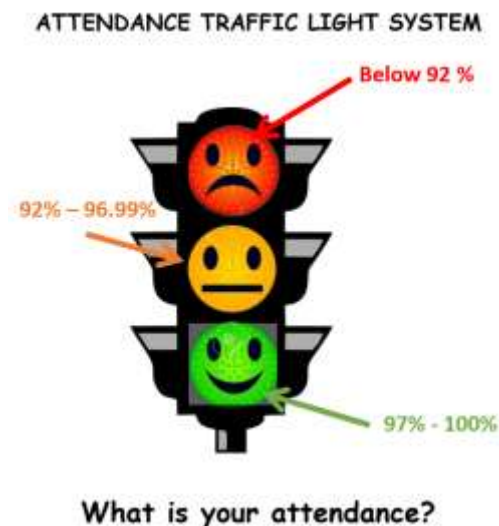
8:45am Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Coffee & Chat- all welcome.

3:30pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January- PTA meeting in school- all welcome

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January Foundation Year train trip to Lichfield.

### Attendance

FYBS	95.59%
FYM	97.66%
Y1S	91.81%
Y1L	95.37%
Y2E	95.42%
Y2K	99.58%
Y3J	96.09%
Y3G	93.94%
Y4L	83.36%
Y4R	99.60%
Y5W	93.53%
Y5R	92.74%
Y6J	94.26%
Y6H	96.67%



### Coffee & Chat

As advertised previously, our next Coffee & Chat will take place on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 8:45am** where we will be joined by guest speakers who will discuss what home support services are available in our local area. Everyone is very welcome to attend- if you intend to come along please let the office know.

### Information Talks for Parents

Please see below the dates added to the diary for Information talks regarding statutory assessments taking place for Years 1, 4 and 6. A separate letter has gone out giving further details on what will be discussed.

### Healthy Snack for Break times

We have noticed that a number of KS2 children have been bringing in unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolate for their break time snack. To ensure that our children are making a healthy choice, please can all parents ensure that the break time snack is a healthy option. Staff will not be allowing children to have unhealthy snacks in school.

### Job Vacancies at St Joseph's and across our MAC

We are currently looking for a lunchtime supervisor to help support the children with their play and the running of the school mealtimes in the hall. If you are interested in applying for this role at St Joseph's or any other roles across the St John Paul II Mac please visit <https://johnpaulii.co.uk/vacancies/> .

### Homework

Please see attached letter regarding changes to the way we set homework

### Year 3 Sacramental Arrangements

Year 3 arrangements for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be sent out to parents in a separate letter – please look out for this.

### Girls' Football club

Girls football club will continue for girls in Year 5 & 6 until February half term with two free sessions. If you are interested, please reserve a space by emailing our sports coach Steve-  
[stevegroves2016@gmail.com](mailto:stevegroves2016@gmail.com) . For further details, please visit his website [www.stevegrovesports.com](http://www.stevegrovesports.com)

### Curriculum planners

Curriculum planners for each year group are now available on our school website if you go to the 'pupils' section and click on the key information tab for your child's year group. [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - FY Welcome \(stjosutton.net\)](http://StJoseph'sCatholicPrimarySchool-FYWelcome(stjosutton.net))



### **This Sunday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time**



Creator God,

Jesus tells us that seed that falls in good soil bears much fruit.

Help us to be the good soil where the seed, your word, may grow in our hearts and yield a good harvest.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

<b>Dates for your diary Spring 2024</b>		
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	8:45am	Coffee & Chat- Home support advice
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> January	3:30-4:30pm	PTA Meeting in school
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	AM	Foundation train trip to Lichfield
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Year 4 attending Mass at Holy Trinity (Parent help needed)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	10am	Year 1 attending Mass at Holy Trinity (Parent help needed)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	2:40pm	Year 4L Class Assembly- parents/carers welcome
Sunday 4th 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)
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>School closed for staff INSET</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> February – 16 <sup>th</sup> February school closed for half term holiday		
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> February	8:35am	Children return from half term holiday
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> February	PM	Year 5R to attend Swimming at Whitehouse Common until Easter holidays
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> February	9am	Phonics information talk for Year 1 parents
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	SATS information talk for Year 6 parents
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Multiplication Times table Check information talk for Year 4 parents
Friday 15th March	11am Y3G 1.45pm Y3J	Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

Mrs L Chambers  
Vice Principal

Mr J P Lynch  
Assistant Principal