



JANUARY 2017

NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to the start of our new year and our new school term.



Attendance and Punctuality

We want children to attend school every day on time so as not to miss out on the many and exciting learning opportunities for children here at St. Joseph's.

We are working very hard to improve our attendance and punctuality, and because of your support and understanding of how important good attendance is, our attendance is now in line with national average. This is great news!

When Ofsted visited in November 2016 they recognised that we have worked hard to improve attendance with a range of strategies in place. However they said there is still work to be done to make sure it is even better. We were given 2 targets to improve even further; one of which was to improve attendance for a small group of pupils who do not attend regularly enough.

In response to this we have introduced a new initiative this term.

Working in partnership with Vision Education, all children who achieve 100% attendance for the week will go into a prize draw to win a **£5.00 Book Voucher**.

The first draw will take place on Friday 27 January at Celebration Assembly.

In addition, there will be a prize draw for a £25 Book Voucher every half term. All children whose attendance meets the school target of 96% for that half-term will be entered into the prize draw.

Please ensure your child is in school on time every day they can be. If your child is not able to attend school the school office must be informed as to the reason why. This allows the attendance to be authorised.

Our Parent Support Adviser, Mrs Barbara Hepple, is available in school to support families who may have difficulties with punctuality and attendance. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you would like to speak to her. With your support and co-operation we will continue to show real improvement in this area. Thank you.

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Attendance **WOW!**
Attendance overall for Autumn Term is 96.26%
Attendance

Breakfast Club

A reminder that our Breakfast Club operates every day and is open to all children who attend St. Joseph's.

The Breakfast Club operates from 8.15am-8.45am.

Please note children must be at the Breakfast Club by 8.30am.

This is to ensure they have sufficient time to eat their breakfast. If you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club please contact either the class teacher or the School Office to sign a consent form.

This is a very positive start to the day and helps make sure children are 'ready to learn'.

Please be aware of vehicles when crossing the yard at this time as staff are arriving to school and deliveries may be made before 8.30am.





Dates for the diary

Tuesday 7 February – Safer Internet Day

2.30pm Assembly for Parents - All adult family members are invited to attend this assembly. With children using the internet more and more it is very important that those who are closest to them are able to help and support them. Children need to know how to use technology safely and responsibly.



First Holy Communion Programme

Those children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion begin their programme of instruction this term. We are delighted to have two of our parishioners and Governors, Mrs P. Dick and Miss E. Greenacre deliver this programme.

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

Parents meeting:



Tuesday 24th January at 6pm
St Bede's RC Primary School

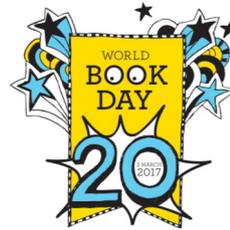


Tuesday 7 March at 6pm
St Joseph's RC Primary School

Friday 3 March – World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **3 March**. Children (and staff!) are invited to dress as a book character for the day.

A contribution of £1 for our nominated charity 'Mission Together - Children helping Children' will be very much appreciated.



Road Safety

We are well aware that the area around the school gates on Bishop's Road becomes very congested at the beginning and end of the school day. Please park with due regard to the safety and consideration of others, particularly local residents, who can become frustrated if access to their property is blocked.



Please do not stop, wait or park, over the yellow road markings.

Please be aware that access is needed at all times on and off the school grounds for our Mini buses; it can be very difficult when cars are parked on the yellow markings/close to the school gates.

Please **do not** park across the school gates as this access is also used by those walking to and from school.

Your co-operation in this matter is expected. I am sure everyone agrees that the safety of children must take priority.

School Website - www.stjosephsrcprimary.co.uk



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
has been rated - **GOOD**



"Pupils enjoy their learning, want to succeed and are proud of their school."

Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ.