



JANUARY 2019

# NEWSLETTER

What a busy start to our new school term!

# Attendance



Our current  
overall attendance  
is **96.46%**

| AUTUMN TERM |       |       |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Class       | %     | Lates |
| Nursery     | 92.83 | 21    |
| Reception   | 96.68 | 48    |
| Year 1      | 96.64 | 36    |
| Year 2      | 96.36 | 51    |
| Year 3      | 96.69 | 70    |
| Year 4      | 97.79 | 34    |
| Year 5      | 95.68 | 46    |
| Year 6      | 97.18 | 25    |



Well done to Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 for attendance above our target of 96%

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### 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 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 for the Autumn Term was in line with national average. Well Done! 😊

In recognition of the excellent attendance of many of our children we hold a prize draw each week at Celebration Assembly for all children who achieve 100% attendance for the week. Children win a **£5.00 Voucher**

In addition, there is a GRAND prize draw to win a **£25 Voucher** every half term. All children whose attendance meets the school target of 96% for that half-term are entered into the prize draw.

Also, the class who has the best attendance each half term enjoy a whole class treat, which could be a visit to the Trampoline Park, a Film and Popcorn afternoon or ... Don't let your child miss out!

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. We have the answering service for you to leave a message by calling the usual 0191 2739063 and selecting option 1 or email: [absence@stjosephsrcprimary.co.uk](mailto:absence@stjosephsrcprimary.co.uk)

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.

### Safeguarding

Please remember if any adult needs to bring something into school or speak to a member of staff at the beginning of the school day (after the children have gone into class) they **must** go to the school office.

Adults are asked not to follow the children into school/to their classroom. Staff do not know all family members of the children so, to be safe, **all** adults are asked to

access school via the main entrance/school office.

You will understand that we need to be vigilant regarding security and access into school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Breakfast Club

A reminder that our Breakfast Club operates every day and is open to children from Reception to Year 6 who attend St. Joseph's.

The Breakfast Club operates from 8.10am – 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.



## After School Clubs

There are a number of after school clubs which operate throughout the year for children at KS2.

The Cookery club is running again this term for children in Year 4. Look out for the recipes on the school website.

The Recorder Club is held on a Wednesday night. The children take great pride in showcasing their musical talent at Celebration Assembly each week.

The Karate Club, which operates on a Monday, currently has spaces. If you would like your child to join the Karate Club please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

There are also 2 clubs which operate at a lunchtime in school: Art Club for Year 2 and 3 and Lego Club for Year 4, 5 and 6.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY



### Tuesday 5 February – Safer Internet Day

Children will attend a 'Safer Internet Day' assembly in school to highlight the importance of using technology safely and responsibly. Please talk to your child about 'Safer Internet Day' as it is very important that those who are closest to them are able to help and support them.



### Open Evenings 2 / 3 April 2019

Open Evening will take place on 2/3 April 2019. All parents/carers will receive an appointment to meet with the class teacher. Further information will follow after half term.

### School Visits and Visitors

**Year 2 Visit to Beamish Museum on Thursday 7 February, 2019.** They will participate in a workshop 'Meet the Nightingale Nurse' to support their topic work on Florence Nightingale.

**Year 6 Visit to Shipley Art Gallery on Thursday 14 February, 2019.** The children will participate in a workshop 'Create with Clay'.

### Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

In addition to the PE lessons already being delivered in school by NUFC, we are delighted to be working with NUFC this term with their PSHE Programme 'On-Side' being delivered in Year 5 and 6.

This programme focuses on raising awareness of Discrimination. The sessions cover bullying, disability, racism and sexism. The programme also include work on **British Values, inclusion, equality and diversity** which is a strength of our school.

Feedback from the NUFC coaches delivering the programme is very positive with regard to the engagement and enthusiasm with which Year 5 and 6 respond to the topics being discussed. They are a credit to our school.

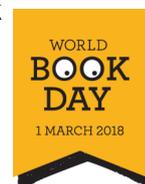
### Wednesday 30 January at 2.40pm

**Year 4 and 6 Music Concert**—all family members are welcome.

### Friday 8 March – World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **8 March**. Children (and staff!) are invited to dress as a book character for the day.

**A contribution of £1 for our nominated charity 'NSPCC' will be very much appreciated.**



### Reading

We are very fortunate to have a number of volunteers who come into school each week to help children practise their reading. Children make great progress when they have the opportunity to read 'little and often'. Thank you to all family and friends who support us in this way. It is very much appreciated.

If you could spare some time to come into school we would love to hear from you!

### Retirement

Mrs Theresa Bowman will be retiring on Friday 15 February, 2019 after 24 years of service at St Joseph's (and 17 years at St Michaels' before that). We want to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Bowman for her loyal and dedicated service over so many years, looking after our children and keeping them safe and happy at lunchtime..

We will be celebrating her retirement on **Friday 15 February, with refreshments in the school hall from 10.30 am**. All families and friends of Mrs Bowman and St. Joseph's are warmly invited to come along and share their memories from the many years that Mrs Bowman has worked as a Dinner Lady at St. Joseph's.

Mrs Bowman's retirement means we have a vacancy for a lunchtime Supervisory Assistant. Details and Application Forms are available on the school website and from the school office.

## Health and Safety

### Nut Allergies

We have several children in school who have severe nut allergies. We have therefore made the decision to ban all nuts in school. Please ensure that your child does not bring any nuts or nut products into school in their packed lunch or for a snack. This also means we cannot accept birthday cakes or birthday treats. We appreciate your support with this issue.



### School Crossing Patrol

We are delighted to have Elsie our Lollipop Lady to help us cross the road safely. Please cross the road with Elsie to ensure your safety.



Thank you

### Spare PE/Swimming Kit

If you have any good quality swimming costumes/shorts/t-shirts that your children have outgrown please can you donate them to school. We are often in need of 'spare' kit for children who sometimes forget theirs. Thank you.

### Uniform

We have a stock of good quality 'almost new' uniform in school. As children can out grow their uniform quickly please consider taking advantage of this (for a small donation) rather than buying new.

### 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.

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### Half Term Holiday

School will be closed **Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019.**

We reopen **Monday 25 February at 8.55am** (8.10 am for Breakfast Club.)

School Website - [www.stjosephsrcprimary.co.uk](http://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."**



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