



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



“Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be”

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Dear Parents and Carers



This week in school we have been participating in **Safer Internet Day** to reinforce very important messages about how to stay safe

online. The children have really enjoyed learning about how to stay safe through practical workshops and fun activities. The internet is an amazing resource enabling children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing and sometimes it can be difficult to keep up to date with your children's use of technology. The UK Internet Safety Centre website gives excellent advice on steps you can take as parents to help your child stay safe.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>.

Also ask your child about the work they have done in school this week and see what they have learnt.

World Book Day

Join us to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. On this day we would like children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a familiar book or poem. In school there will be many fun activities to promote and share a love of reading and books. It's always a great day in school - Many thanks once again for your support

Diary Dates

Below is advance notice of important dates for your diary:

Monday 13th March
 School photographs

Monday 20th March
 St Joseph's Feast Day: - Mass in school

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March
 Parents evening meetings

First Forgiveness and Holy Communion

Our sacramental programme to prepare children for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion will start on 28th February. Please ensure your enrolment form is returned to school together with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have not previously received the sacraments may also join the programme. Please see either Mrs Vernon or Mrs Hollis if you wish your child to take part

Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

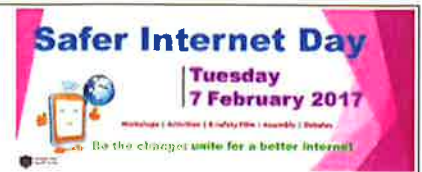
INSET day

An important reminder that Monday 6th March is a staff training day and on this day school will be closed to all pupils.

Golden Assembly 10th February 2017

Miss Salisbury	Jessie Roberts
Miss Howard	Jacob Quirk
Mrs Hollis	Mason Quinn
Miss L Turner	Miley Graham & Seren Johnson - Hughes
Miss J Turner	Amelia Sefton Davies
Miss Last	Owny Cleary
Miss Davies	Rhys Horncastle
Miss Finnigan	Kyle Butler
Mrs Morgan	Mischa Sprott
Mr Clare	Casey-Leigh Vicary
Mr Morris	Nicole Towers
Miss Lewtas	Melissa McGourty, Lewis Bavill & Faith Lucas
Mr McCann	Alex Gazdowicz & Alfie Devitt

Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday 7th February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. Miss Finnigan presented an assembly which told us that Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in over a hundred countries. She also reminded us of how useful and fun the internet is but how we need to be vigilant while we use it!



the internet! Here are some tips on how to stay safe on the internet:

Be the change

Play your part in making the internet a better place. Be positive, show respect and help people if they are upset.

Be sensible

Always tell a trusted adult if you are ever worried or upset by something that happens online. They are always there for you to ask for help if you are unsure about anything you see online.

Be careful

Keep your personal information safe and check with an adult before you share anything online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

Be aware

Make sure you know the rules about how to behave and stay safe on the sites, games and apps you use. Look out for buttons that let you block, mute and report other users who aren't behaving.

Be a detective

The internet is full of brilliant things to watch, explore and learn from but not everything or everyone online can be trusted. Think carefully by checking at least three different websites for your information and talking to someone about what you have seen to see if they agree.

Be safe

Never agree to meet up offline with someone you only know online. No matter how friendly they might seem or how well you think you know them, they are still a stranger. Always tell a trusted adult if someone online asks to meet up.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, this celebration sees lots of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

We were lucky enough to have the Pick and Mix Theatre Company come into school and provide a workshop for each class which informed us of the positive uses of technology in our lives today and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon **all of us** - young people, parents, carers, teachers and wider to join together in helping to create a better internet.



Back in class, we decided that a good way of following up on what we had learnt in our workshop was to create some acrostic poems which will go on display in our school hall. We hope that our poems will inform people about what to do in order to remain safe, respectful and responsible users of

SPORTS UPDATE

@StJosephsW (please tweet us with any sporting achievements your child makes outside school)



It's been a very busy Sports week at St. Joseph's. We've had a visit from a World Champion Sports Star and entered 4 competitions.



Champion when she was 14 years old, and her hopes for future Olympics. She then stayed and did some fitness masterclasses with our KS1 children. We were all very inspired by her story.

Taekwondo World Champion visits St Joseph's

Our children were in for a treat when junior world champion and future Olympian Abigail Stones visited our school on Tuesday. Abigail told us her story of how she became a Taekwondo World

Another Final for the Football team

Congratulations to our football team for making another final. The team are through to the Y6 Tranmere Rovers finals to be

played in March.

Well done to all who took part and to Mr Clare for his management skills!

Other Competitions

It has been an extremely busy week with lots of interesting competitions entered.

Well done to our handball, new age curling and our Key Steps gymnastics teams, and thank you to Mrs Fielding, Mrs Jones, Mrs Airey and Mrs Cairney for all their help with transport and supervision.

Every Child a Reader Accredited School St Joseph's RC Primary School

has achieved the core standards for Reading Recovery within Every Child a Reader and aspires to the highest levels of literacy for all children

What is Reading Recovery?

Reading Recovery involves a short series of 1 to 1 lessons for thirty minutes every day with Mrs Airey (School SENDCO), who is a specially trained Reading Recovery teacher. This programme is different for every child, starting from what the child knows and what he / she needs to learn next.

The programme last from between twelve and twenty weeks. The results are very positive and rewarding. The child's confidence, performance and self-esteem will grow.

Where do the lessons take place?

The Reading Recovery room is situated in a quiet space off the hall. It offers a highly interactive and engaging environment for learning. We are lucky to have a beautiful selection of new books which encourage the children to have a positive approach to reading.

What happens in each lesson?

- Each fast paced lesson consists of;
 - Reading familiar stories.
 - Letter formation and identification.
 - Breaking words into parts
 - Writing stories.
 - A new more challenging story each lesson.



Every child learns new ways to become an independent reader. There is an opportunity for parents / carers to come and observe the lessons.

How you can you help your child read at home?

It is important that reading is a positive experience. There are two types of books; familiar book and new unseen books. Both are vital in helping successful and enjoyable reading.

Your child may want to read 'Old favourites' and these play an important part in learning to read effectively. This will lead to a growth in confidence.

When reading new books, the reading may be more challenging and sound robotic. Look through the pictures and help your child with the story and new words.

Look out for:

- How does the reading sound?
- Are they searching for information?
- Are they noticing their mistakes?
- Can they tell you about the story?
- Does the reading sound fluent?

Where can I get more support with my child's reading?

Class teachers are always available to give you and your child extra help and support. Alternatively, please contact Mrs Airey at school for further information on reading guidance.

And finally;

Imagine your child is an empty tool box. Little by little we build up their tool kit; their literacy skills and ability to process information for themselves, so that eventually, over time, your child will be able to....

find a problem and fix it themselves.



School Attendance

Attendance is good at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!
 It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **95% or above.**

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 92%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 95%

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, Steve Clayton.

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1 (am): Miss Salisbury	83%	80%
Foundation 1 (pm): Miss Salisbury	70%	75%
Foundation 2: Miss Howard	94%	89%
Foundation 2: Mrs Hollis	92%	94%
Year 1: Miss L Turner	92%	99%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	93%	93%
Year 2: Miss Last	91%	95%
Year 3: Miss Davies	96%	91%
Year 3/4 Miss Finnigan	96%	99%
Year 4: Miss Morgan	93%	94%
Year 5 Mr Clare	89%	96%
Year 5: Mr Morris	90%	98%
Year 6: Mr McCann	85%	96%
Year 6: Miss Lewtas	91%	95%

**PLEASE JOIN US AT
 CAFE JOEY
 and Bring and Buy**

**ON
 11TH FEBRUARY**
 for Light Lunches, Sandwiches
 and Home-made cakes in the
 meeting room from
 12 - 4pm

All proceeds to the funds of
**St Joseph's
 Lourdes Group**



Baptismal Preparation

If you wish to have your child baptised at
 St Joseph's church you will need to attend a
 Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting is 2pm
Sunday 12th February
 in
 St Alban's Parish Hall

You don't need to book a place,
 just come along for an informal hour
 of information and to collect
 an application form

Completed forms should be returned to the
 Parish Office to arrange a date