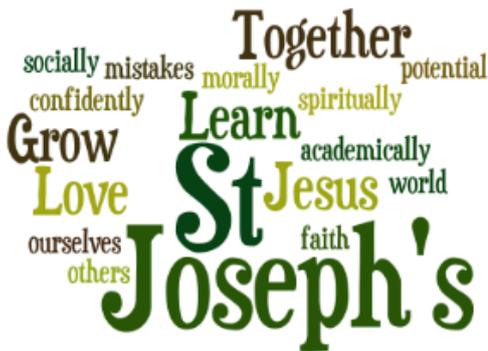


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for
Sunday 13th
September—24th
Sunday in Ordinary time
Matthew 18:21-35*



Headteacher's message Welcome back!

What a wonderful week! It has been such a pleasure to be back at school this week. Although we have all had to make adjustments to systems and procedures, our children have done this without pomp or fuss! The children have been so positive regarding their return and I truly believe that we can learn much from our young people.

We ended our week by coming together in spirit and joining the parish of St Joseph's in a live streaming of Mass. It reminded us all of the power of God and that although times are challenging, God is there beside us, walking alongside us, supporting us. Spend a bit of time talking to Him this weekend.

 **Our School Prayer**

St. Joseph's is our school.
Teach us Lord, to Love, Learn and Grow together.
Just as you guided your beloved son, Jesus.
Open our hearts to your plans for us and
Show us your path to follow.
Each day, help us to feel your presence among us,
Protecting us on our journey.
Holy Spirit be with us.
St. Joseph pray for us.
Amen



WELL DONE TO OUR NEW HOUSE CAPTAINS—VOTED BY THEIR PEERS FOLLOWING HUSTINGS

St Andrew House Captains	St Patrick House Captains	St George House Captains	St David House Captains
Max and Lucy	Jake and Evelyn	Henry and Madison	Adela and Theo

Joey's Pupdate

I am so thrilled to be back at school. I feel like a superstar again with everyone wanting to pet me and calling my name! I have loved being out at the gate to welcome you all each morning.

It was my 1st birthday on 3rd September and I had a lovely time. I got lots of presents, balloons and a yummy dog cake. I even had a birthday party with all my dog friends.

I have to say though—this being back at work is exhausting!



These are my dog friends. They are called Bailey, Daisy, Coco and Lulu. Coco is my sister and she lives with Miss Minoli's mum.



My birthday cake was yummy!



I am shattered when I get home and I need to have a little dog nap!

Welcome to St. Joseph's

Welcome to all our new pupils and their families, who have joined us in Pre-school and Reception.

We have also had a number of children who have joined us in other year groups.

Year 1: Joshua, Elias, Alexander, Preston, Samuel, Lennox and Alexia.

Year 2: Patrick, and Haran.

Year 3: Emma, Jesus, Oliver, Isaac, Tristan and Henry and Josh.

Year 4: Alexander.

Year 5: Zidane, Jaxen and Jasmine.

We hope you will all be very happy here and we are sure that everyone will make you and your families feel very welcome.

St Joseph's Learning Characteristics

Throughout the year there will be a focus each half term on a different St Joseph's learning characteristic. Focusing upon each individually will enable pupils to master the learning attributes required to become good learners. It would be helpful if parents discuss and remind their child of the learning characteristic, using it in all their tasks at home!



School News

Preschool have had new pupil toilets installed. They are bright and perfect for the youngest members of the school. Thanks to receiving a grant of £10,000 we have been able to make these improvements. The main office roof is almost complete—just before the autumnal showers!

Staff information

During Lockdown, St Joseph's recruited two new members of staff:

Mr Bradshaw— Caretaker

Mrs Carmichael—A Teaching Assistant

I am sure that you will join me in welcoming them to the family of St Joseph's.

Forthcoming Events

Due to Covid restrictions and the reduced number of people who can gather, the 'Meet the Teacher' will be recorded and the link sent to parents next Friday. If you have any questions regarding the presentation, please email the school office.

Question of the Week

Each week we will put a trivia question in the newsletter for families to discuss / research and submit your answers. There will be a box in each class for answers. All boxes will be emptied into a bucket and a winner drawn out on Friday. That family will receive a Friday evening treat.

This weeks question:

What happened in British history between 3rd and 13th September 1752?

Attendance

During this time, pupil attendance will be mandatory and the usual rules on attendance will apply, including: parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil.

No holidays will be authorised.

Please remember that children who are absent frequently from school, struggle to keep up with school work and miss out on the social aspect of school life, such as making friendships.

Please refer to the following NHS website before deciding whether your child needs to be absent from school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Rainbow Awards

Rainbow Awards and stickers are presented to children, in our phase assemblies, who have particularly demonstrated one of our learning characteristics during the week.

***Curious Chris
Independent Ian
Motivated Millie
Reflective Rose
Teamwork Tim
Bounce Back Beth***

We will list recipients in the newsletter weekly.

Writer of the Week

We continue to focus on developing writing across the school this year.

Each week a member of each class will receive the Writer of the Week Award Certificate. Their work will be displayed in the KS1 and KS2 corridor on the Writer of the Week Board.

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