

At St Joseph's we Love, Learn and Live by the example of Jesus Christ

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parent / Carer

I have a lot to say today, so please stay with me!

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you, from myself and the Governing Body, for your recent donations to the Governors' Building Fund, and for those donations which are made month after month by Standing Order. Due to the generosity of you all, we are continuing to replace the windows, and have identified several potential projects required, including improvements to the school entrance area. Also, it isn't too late to donate – you can just return your forms to the office, or pick up new ones from there. I have to say this as a legal requirement, 'Thank-you to everyone who has completed a Gift Aid declaration. Please remember to let the office know if you are no longer a UK tax payer, so that we do not claim any Gift Aid in error.'

It has been another exciting and busy week here at St Joseph's. Today, the children enjoyed an excellent theatre production from the Wizard Theatre Company and, this evening, they are having a Winter Disco in the hall. These events have very generously been organised and supported by the 'Friends Committee', who voluntarily give up their time to support the school in many ways – more on them later!

4W led an excellent assembly on the human skeleton that was thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils and parents.

Year 1 led a wonderful 'Poppy' Prayer Service that reminded us of the huge sacrifice that so many people have made. All the children in the school then planted their poppies in our Poppy Field outside the front entrance that I hope you have all had the chance to see - if not please see the photo below.

The children have also been busy in the sporting arena this week with Year 1 children attending a Sports

Festival on Tuesday and Year 3, with the help of our Year 4 Sports Leaders, enjoying a Boccia (please don't ask me to explain the rules!) tournament today. I think it is important to recognise and say thank you to the staff for all the hard work they put into organising these special events for the children.

As I mentioned earlier, the 'Friends of St. Joseph's' give up lots of their time and do a wonderful job in creating special events for your children and raise much needed funds for our school. If you would be able to help in any way, they are particularly looking for a Class Representative from each class (this isn't a big role, just passing on messages to the rest of the parents), please speak to Mrs Proudfoot or Mrs Thornhill. If you are unsure who they are you can speak to myself or the school office and we will point you in the right direction. Please think about volunteering to help because without them

St. Joseph's wouldn't be the special place that it is.

Finally, once again please keep your fingers crossed and say a prayer for Nottingham Forest! I can't stop asking because they have been doing so well since you started!

Thank you for reading until the end! I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Briggs', is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

Mr C Briggs
Headteacher

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ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

KS1 (Yrs R-2) - Class 1K - 99.3%

KS2 (Yrs 3-6) - Class 3J - 99.3%

PUNCTUALITY WINNERS THIS WEEK

KS1 (Yrs R-2) - Classes 1C & 2P - No lates

KS2 (Yrs 3-6) - Classes 3L, 3J, 4D & 6G - No lates

We are also pleased to tell you that, as a whole school, our percentage attendance is 97%! Please keep up the good work!



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL POPPY FIELD



This Wednesday's Word: **GIFT**

"The most striking proof of God's love for us is the gifts he gives to us." St Hugh of Lincoln

Ask your child what the word 'gift' means to them. When did they last give or receive a special gift – one given with love. (Remember that the best gifts cannot be bought such as love, friendship, kindness etc.)



STARS OF THE WEEK

W/E: 09/11/2018	
RC	Lena
RS	Ruohan
1C	Whole Class for a wonderful Prayer Service
1K	Whole Class for a wonderful Prayer Service
2P	Mark
2S	Alessia
3J	Chester
3L	Thomas
4D	Rocco
4W	Luisa
5GP	Saasha
5P	Daniel
6B	Dylan
6G	Ryan

REPLY SLIPS

If your child brings home a letter (sporting event, etc), please ensure you complete ALL sections of the reply slip.

Failure to do so may result in your child being unable to participate in the event.

Thank you.

REMINDER

If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child at the end of the school day, please ensure you write it in your child's diary before they come to school. We appreciate that emergencies may occasionally arise, but please try not to call school regularly with going home arrangements. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just to inform you that there are still a few places available in the following clubs:-

Drama Club – Yrs 3-6 – Mondays

Boys Football – Yr 6 – Mondays

Girls Football – Yrs 4-6 – Fridays

Multisports – Yrs 1 & 2 – Wednesdays

Netball – Yr 6 – Thursdays

Tag Rugby – Yrs 3&4 – Wednesdays

Please see Parent Pay for details.

Thank you.

FIRST DAY OF ABSENCE CALLS

As you know, we ask that parents call the school on their child **FIRST** day of absence and leave a message on the school's answerphone. When giving the reason for absence, i.e. illness, please be specific as to the nature of the illness (cough, cold, high temperature, tonsillitis, vomiting, etc).

Many thanks.

REMINDER

We are now collecting the Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe boxes in school. The closing date is **Friday, 23rd November 2018**. Please encourage your children to get involved in this worthwhile initiative.

Many thanks.



IMPORTANT DATES

Wed	12 Dec	- Christmas Production for RC, 1C & 2S – 9.30 am
Thurs	13 Dec	- Christmas Production for RS, 1K & 2P – 9.30 am
Tues	18 Dec	- Christmas Carol Concert for Yrs 3 & 4 – 2 pm
Tues	18 Dec	- Christmas Carol Concert for Yrs 5 & 6 – 7 pm
Fri	21 Dec	- End of term – School closes at 1.30 pm

The school is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all pupils, and if staff see signs which suggest that one of the pupils may have been the victim of abuse, staff will (as is required by law) follow the procedures laid down by the Area Child Protection Committee. N.B. Such action in no way infers that any parent/carer or other individual is being accused of wrongdoing. A full version of the school's Child Protection Policy is available upon request. Mrs C French, Mrs A Panacides & Mr J Fay