



St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 1st March 2024

11th Edition

Lunchtime Squad Launched

This week, we welcomed our new Lunchtime Squad following a remarkable amount of application forms. Pupils were asked to articulate why they believed they would be suitable candidates for the role? As part of St Joseph's ethos to cultivate and promote pupil leadership within the school community, we offer a variety of leadership opportunities for our pupils to pursue. At St Joseph's, we firmly believe in providing pupils with a diverse array of chances to develop and refine their leadership skills in preparation for life beyond school.

We actively encourage pupils to cultivate these skills by taking responsibility for their school environment and to make positive contributions both within the school and the wider community. Our Lunchtime Squad will play a pivotal role in supporting the Midday Meals Supervisors in ensuring the smooth operation of lunchtimes. They will serve as positive role models for our younger pupils, aiding in the setup of equipment, guiding younger children throughout the school, and leading them out to the playground. Congratulations everyone. I know you will do a superb job!



Foodbank - Easter Holidays

Please remember to get in touch with us if you require a Foodbank delivery, they are always available but **particularly during the Easter Holidays** where there are added pressures. Please speak to a member of the school office team in the strictest confidence and we can arrange this for you. The cut off for Easter holiday bookings is **Friday, 15th March 2024**. They now also have a Baby/Children's Bank and have an assortment of items to share, including Moses baskets, prams, cots, travel cots, high chairs, baby baths, bedside cots - **Please do get in touch**.



Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are back! They are held on a Wednesday in the school hall, doors open at 8.55am via the wooden gate to the side of the school office. We've already been entertained this week by St Helen class, the remaining assembly dates are as follows: 6th March - St Genevieve / 13th March - St Margaret / 20th March - St Francis / 27th March - St Elizabeth / 24th April - St Patrick / 1st May - St Joan / 15th May - St David / 22nd May - St George / 12th June - St Xavier / 19th June - St Theresa / 26th June - St Christopher / 3rd July - EYFS (St Andrew & St Bernadette).

Pop Up Sale

We would like to celebrate two of our year 6 pupils, Nayontara and Winnie, who held a pop up bracelet sale last Friday. They mainly sold bracelets, they had made themselves, along with phone charms, rings and a few vintage items. Thank you to everyone who supported them, they made £192 profit which will be used to buy food for the 'Bentswood Hub' - a fabulous effort - Well done to them both.



Fortnightly Attendance

St A	95%	St B	94%	St C	95%
St D	96%	St E	94%	St F	96%
St Gen	97%	St Geo	96%	St H	95%
St J	94%	St M	97%	St P	97%
St T	99%	St X	95%		



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Class Assembly - St Helen

On Wednesday, we enjoyed our first class assembly of the year, where St Helen class reminded us of the school's learning values, finishing with a joyous performance of Seasons of Love. Thank you to Mrs Ashworth and Mrs Rogers for helping the children with their performance.



FOS Second Hand Uniform Sale

FOS will have their next second hand uniform sale on Friday, 8th March at 3pm. If you have any clean, unwanted uniform we would be very grateful for it. There will be purple bins in the top garden for any donations - thank you.



Medication in School

If we hold medication in school for your child, please remember that it is your responsibility to check expiry dates with the school office. **Particularly Epipens and asthma inhalers. If your child requires antibiotics or any other medication, we can only administer if your child requires it 4 times or more in a school day. All medication MUST come to the school office in its box with the information leaflet enclosed.**

NUTS & SESAME

Please remember we have a NO nut or Sesame policy in school. This includes sandwich fillings such as Nutella / Peanut Butter, dips such as hummus and chicken satay. We have several children with severe nut and sesame allergies who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.

Reporting Absences and Appointments

Please can we remind parents that **all absence, whether for illness or medical appointments or any other reason, should be reported to the school via Studybugs.** Studybugs is a free app and all reported absence goes directly into the register and keeps class teachers informed of the reason for your child's absence. We have a legal duty to ascertain the whereabouts of all children. By reporting all absences, it prevents office staff from having to ring and email parents to find out the reason for them not being at school and avoids unnecessary home visits. Please remember to report absences daily, your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Year 3 Stone Age Day

Last Friday our year 3 children took part in Stone Age Day. They made dens and spears, hunted a woolly mammoth and finished off with hot chocolate and marshmallows - such fun!!!



Spring Term Diary Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 1st Mar - FOS Disco
- 6th Mar - St Genevieve Class Assembly, 9am
- 7th Mar - World Book Day
- 8th Mar - FOS Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 13th Mar - St Margaret Class Assembly, 9am
- 14th Mar - Yr 6 NCT Parent Meeting, 6pm
- 15th Mar - FOS Cake Sale (St A, St H, St M and St T to contribute please)
- 19th Mar - St Joseph's Day Mass, 1.30pm
- 20th Mar - St Francis Class Assembly, 9am
- 22nd Mar - FOS Talent Show
- 25th-28th Mar - Spirituality Week
- 27th Mar - St Elizabeth Class Assembly, 9am
- 27th Mar - Reports out, years 1-6
- 28th Mar - End of term, normal school day finishing time

Summer Term Diary Dates

April

- 15th Apr - Inset Day - School Closed
- 16th Apr - Summer Term begins
- 17th Apr - SEN Parents Evening
- 24th Apr - St Patrick Class Assembly, 9am
- 26th Apr - FOS Fundraising, Non-Uniform Day - £1.00 via ParentPay

May

- 1st May - St Joan Class Assembly, 9am
- 2nd May - Class Photos
- 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday
- 9th May - Ascension Day Mass, 11am
- 13-16th May - National Curriculum Tests (Yr 6)
- 15th May - St David Class Assembly, 9am
- 17th May - May Day Procession, 2.15pm
- 17th May - FOS Cake Sale (St E, St Gen and St J to contribute please)
- 20-24th May - Year 6, Fairthorne Manor Residential
- 22nd May - St George Class Assembly, 9am
- 24th May - FOS Fundraising, Non-Uniform Day - £1.00 via ParentPay
- 27-31st May - Half Term

Please note all dates and events are subject to change. Dates are also available to view on the St Joseph's website calendar.