



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful first week it has been and the children have returned to school brilliantly. We had a science focus day yesterday and the school was full of investigations which was a joy to behold. Who knew how much fun could be had with simple resources and an enquiring mind?

Welcome Miss Scarff

Miss Scarff has joined our teaching team and has started well in Nursery. Miss Wright now teaches in Y6 and now has limited availability for meetings over the next few weeks. When we are happy that Y6 are ready for their big move to Secondary School we may make some adjustments but be reassured that Miss Wright is teaching Y6 until the end of this academic year.

Huge Congratulations Y4 Dancers:

I don't usually single out individual children in this way but this is an exceptional achievement. Four of the Y4 girls, Isla, Orlaith, Holly and Charleigh, travelled to Manchester a few weeks ago to compete at a national competition. They did amazing and placed 1st in all 3 of their dances! One of these dances is with older children in Y7 and was put together in just 6 weeks.

They have found out that they have been awarded with an amazing opportunity to travel to Germany and compete on behalf of the UK at the European championships in July this year. They are so excited to become team UK and have worked so hard in doing this. The only way they can be awarded a place as a mini team is to score really high so they have done so well. Well done to them and the parents for all the classes they have taken the children to. As a dance Dad I know what commitment this can take. We look forward to finding out how well the children do in Germany.

and yet more Good News:

We are all delighted that Isaac in Y4 has now successfully completed his cancer treatment. This has been such a journey over the past four years. I have decided to let the class have a little celebration school trip on Monday Lunchtime. Don't forget to bring me something back with you.

Child Based Fundraiser:

Olivia has organised a teddy raffle. Tickets are 50p a strip and will be available at breaktimes. Children will win a giant unicorn. All proceeds are to raise money for Ovarian Cancer Action. The draw for the raffle will be made on the last day of term Friday 26th May.

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King's Coronation Party- St Joseph's Style

Plans are afoot for having a celebration party on Friday May 5th in school to mark this moment of history. We would like all children to wear red white and blue clothes that day and we will share more information next week as to what our Coronation Party will be like. We do not plan on making this a huge task for busy homes just wanted to mark the event at school.

Parent's Evening Y1 Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th April

Thank you to the parents who booked in and spoke to Mrs Fleming. I hope you found the updates useful.

Morning Drop Off and Collection Routines a reminder:

Please can I ask that all carers who drop children off at school do not come into the classroom areas through the cloakrooms in the 'pod' areas of the school. If you have an urgent message for the teacher please make them aware of this but we are trying to get sessions started as promptly as possible which is not possible with carers in cloakrooms or classrooms. Year 1 children are dropped off and collected at their door so all other children will have the independence to do this in the other classrooms. Thank you for helping us with this matter.

Healthy Snacks and Ice Pop Friday

Please can I remind you that healthy snacks are permitted for children at morning break. We will also start selling ice pops on a Friday now the weather has hopefully turned. This will be set up for you from next week.

PE Timetable a reminder:

- Monday- Y2, Y5 & Y6
- Tuesday- Y2 & Y5
- Wednesday-FS2 & Y1 (Y4 swimming)
- Thursday- Y1, Y3 & Y4
- Friday- Y3 & Y6

After School Clubs:

- Monday: MFC in the Community
- Tuesday Art
- Thursday: Hope Charity Craft Club

The cost for these clubs is set up for you on ParentPay at £10 for this half term.

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Some events for next week

- Monday 24th April Y4 Celebration Trip
- Tuesday 25th April FS2 School Trip
- Wednesday 26th April LJ School Trip, Y5& 6 NSPCC Workshop
- Thursday 27th April Nursery School Trip

Industrial Action Next Week

Please see the separate letter that has been sent out regarding the industrial action being taken by some teaching staff on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Stars of the week: Friday 21st April 2023

This week's theme has been Science

- LJ- Hudson W
- FS1- Connie M & Freddie W
- FS2- Toby B & Elsie E
- Y1- Rory N & Arthur R
- Y2- Jake S & Tabitha G
- Y3- George B & Alexis C-T
- Y4- Joseph O & Gracie L
- Y5- Ava C & Ellie S
- Y6- Ollie N & Bridget A

Final Thoughts- Earth Day

God, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of and care for your creation.
God, hear our prayer.

God, help us to recognize the sacredness of all of your creatures as signs of your wondrous love.
God, hear our prayer.

God, help us turn from the selfish consumption of resources meant for all and to see the impacts of our choices on the poor and vulnerable.
God, hear our prayer.

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Mr Geaves

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