



ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Apologies for the lack of newsletter last week, it was a really busy week with the Y6 tests and unfortunately on Friday time just run away from me. I have included the names of all the children who have been stars of the week for the past fortnight below.

On Monday we were thrilled to have visitors from the Diocese ahead of the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes sharing the washing experience with our children. They commented on how well the children listened and behaved which is wonderful to hear.

Today we welcomed three visiting schools to our field as we hosted the Y1 Multi Skills festival. Of course, it's raining as I type this but I am sure the children will have a great morning. I would like to thank the Sports Leaders for helping to run this event. If it rains next Friday that will make it a whitewash with bad weather for each of our Ice Pop Fridays this half-term, impressive.

Next week, some visiting colleagues are attending the school to look at the hard work that we have been doing in classes with a focus on all aspects of teaching and learning. Also, as I am sure you are aware we break up on Friday for this half-term and return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Not really sure how we have made it to June already.

### **Wednesday Word**

Please click on the link below for this week's Wednesday word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/friendship?pid=MTA101634&v=93.5>

### **Quick Read Reminders for Next Week:**

- Friday-Ice pops on sale. (Guaranteed bad weather!!) and we break up for half-term.
- Friday Y2 Multi Skills festival at St Paulinus Primary Guisborough

### **School Uniform Reminders Hairstyles & Jewellery**

Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable eg. Tramlines, shaven heads.  
Long hair should be fastened back.

At St Joseph's we have a no jewellery policy. Children are not allowed to wear earrings at any time so please do not get them pierced in term time. Children may wear a wristwatch if they would like to.

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### **Attendance and Holidays in Term Time**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who complete the leave of absence forms in advance of taking their children out of school for the purpose of a holiday. As I know you are aware I am not able to authorise these requests but this visible demonstration of honesty is a fabulous example to set our children.

Once a request has not been authorised by the school you **may** be issued with a fine by the Local Authority. The LA policy can be located on their website here: <https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-attendance-and-welfare-service/leave-of-absence-policy>

The key criteria are as follows:

*Our local authority may consider taking further action when unauthorised leave of absence is taken at the following crucial times and circumstances:*

- *at any time in September;*
- *For any pupil whose **attendance** was **below 95%** (including authorised and unauthorised absence within the previous 12 calendar months);*
- *at any time during formal examination periods, e.g. Year 1 phonic tests, year 6 SATs and Key Stage 4 exams, e.g. GCSEs and during exam preparation time;*
- *if a holiday warning letter of Penalty Charge notice has been issued during the previous 12 calendar months, measured from the date before the first day of the leave of absence regardless of overall attendance during the previous 12 month period;*
- *attendance 95% and above during the previous 12 months can receive a warning letter and this may also be issued at the Headteacher's request for pupils failing to achieve their academic attainment/potential, patterns of previous attendance concerns/punctuality, or any other concerns that impact on their learning.*

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**Stars of the week: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Last week's theme was Reading and Writing

- LJ- Riva S & Florence D
- FS1- Skyla Rose P-D & Alastair F
- FS2- Arabella H & Macy F
- Y1- Jinny P & Stanley S
- Y2- Jack L & Gabriel T
- Y3- Abigail W & James V
- Y4- Leighton D & Bobby W
- Y5- Freddie B & Eva D
- Y6- Pippa S & Harriet A

This week's theme is Maths

- LJ- Savannah J
- FS1- Parker M & Wynter S
- FS2- Lily R & Grace H
- Y1- Frankie M & Phoebe M
- Y2- Melany B R & Morgan J
- Y3- Bella T & Roy P
- Y4- Katie Mc & Lucy M
- Y5- Oscar J & Harriet P
- Y6- Diwainashe M & Olivia S

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Mr Geaves

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