



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write this week's newsletter ahead of the planned Harvest Festival in the hall this afternoon. I would like to thank you all for your generosity towards others and we will make sure that the food collection will make its way to the Foodbank.

Please take the time to read through the reminders below.

- NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week
- Hello Yellow Day October 10th
- Term dates Reminder
- Stars of the Week
- PTFA Meeting
- Packed Lunches
- Dates/Stars of the Week

NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week- Reminder of Cake Sale

Next week is the NSPCC Kindness Challenge week. This is an opportunity for everyone to act even more kindly than they ordinarily do to help raise everyone's spirits. In school this will be a focus next week whether we are playing a game with a friend, helping someone with some work, kindness helps create a better world for us all. On Tuesday October 10th we will host a cake sale at break time with all money raised being donated to NSPCC Childline. What could be kinder than sharing cakes with each other!!!

Hello Yellow Day Tuesday October 10th

World Mental Health Day is Tuesday 10th October and a small way to stand out and show up for young people's mental health is by dressing in Yellow on Tuesday 10th October. **All children are asked to wear yellow on this day**, we will also hold our kindness cake sale mentioned above. Together we can create a brighter future for young people's mental health and what colour is brighter than yellow!!



Term Dates Reminder

Can I remind you all that school will be closed to all pupils on **Friday 13th October as it is a PD Day.**

Term dates are available on our school website by clicking on <https://stjosephs.npcat.org.uk/term-dates/>

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PTFA Meeting: Wednesday 25th October 2.30pm

We will be hosting our first PTFA meeting of the year on Wednesday 25th October 2.30pm in school. If you are interested in helping to plan fundraising events, helping out at these events and having a say on what funds should be spent on, it would be lovely to see you there.

Packed Lunches

Can I politely remind parents that our school is a nut free school. This is due to some members of the school community who are allergic to nut-based products. This includes Nutella and other Nut spreads in sandwiches. Also, we have noticed some children bringing grapes into school which is brilliant. If you notice they are large please can we ask that they are cut in half to prevent any possibility of choking.

Attendance: for our full policy click [here](#):

Thank you for your support with school attendance. This week's attendance is 95.8% which is an improvement on the last fortnight. **Please phone the school if your child is not able to attend school due to illness.** This should be done every morning your child is off school. We work closely with our Trust Home School Liaison Officer who may be asked to visit a home if a child is absent for a set period of time. You will be notified of this before the contact is made. This is to help us keep our welfare requirements as a school as your child's wellbeing is important to us.

Dates for your calendar:

Next week we will issue the parents calendar by email and post on the school website. It will include dates for the Christmas productions and even Sports Days. A couple to pop in the diary straight away are:

- Monday 2nd October-Friday 6th October NSPCC kindness Challenge Week
- Tuesday 10th October Hello Yellow Day- all children wear yellow and cake sale at breacktime.
- Tuesday 10th October Y3 & Y4 trip to Skinningrove
- Friday 13th October PD DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
- Friday 20th October Wear Red for Racism Day- all children wear red.
- Monday 23rd October and Tuesday 24th October Parents Evenings.
- Wednesday 25th October PTFA Meeting 2.30pm

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Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked with their listening

- LJ- Lottie R
- FS1-Riva S & Alastair F
- FS2- Connie M
- Y1- Etienne & Isaac
- Y2- Pippa G & William W
- Y3- Connie N & Gabby S
- Y4- James V & Alice W
- Y5- Leighton D & Katie M
- Y6- Logan Luke O & Daisy F

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Our prayer today is a prayer for the Harvest.

Generous God, we thank you
for the gifts you have given
for all people to share.
We plant seeds of hope
and nurture them as we seek
a harvest of plenty for all.

Forgive us for the times these seeds
fail to take root in our hearts.
We grieve when homes and crops
are washed away by floods,
when lives are uprooted by disaster,
or trampled by fear and greed.

Living God, you lead us
to a new way of being.
Move us to help one another
in our times of need,
to care for the earth and
to love one another,
sharing your harvest with all.

Amen.

Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

Yours sincerely,
Mr Geaves
Executive Head Teacher

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