



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today is the closest school day to this year's Armistice Day. Our Head boy and Head girl accompanied myself to attend a remembrance service with other schools in our Trust. Children have also been using class prayer time to think about those who have given so much in service to our country and to all those who suffer as a result of conflict. I would like to thank you all for your continued generosity towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal as most of the items have sold out. We will inform you of how much the school has raised in due course.

'We will remember them.'

I would also like to thank you for your support of our other charitable acts with the shoebox appeal and the Mini Vinnie clothes collection. This support is at the heart of what makes our school special and being called to serve others is one of our fundamental Catholic social teachings.

Finally, many people will be aware that one of our lovely Y2 pupils is very unwell at the moment. We will keep her and her family in our prayers over the coming days and weeks as she starts her treatment.

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. This is a very important annual event and it is a good opportunity to remind and educate our pupils about bullying. This year's theme is 'Make a noise about Bullying' and we will be covering the topic through assemblies and in class time. The week will begin beautifully with Odd Socks Day and International Kindness Day being celebrated on Monday 13th November. Pupils are invited to come to school with bright, odd socks clearly displayed!

PTFA Reminders:

If you would like to be involved but couldn't make the meeting, please drop an email to ptfa@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk.

- Hot Chocolate Fridays- Hot chocolate Friday returns for 5 weeks on 10th November. This will be £1 for all 5 weeks in one go. Please make all payments via ParentPay.
- Christmas Bingo Save the date! **Thursday 30th November**, doors open 5pm, eyes down 5.30pm. Look out for our meal deal offer - burger/hot dog and a drink! Please can all money for these tickets be sent in by Wednesday 22nd November.

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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Easy Fundraiser App

Online shopping for Christmas? Having a takeaway this week and ordering online? Treating yourself?

Download the easy fundraiser APP and help raise funds for St Joseph's PTFA whilst you shop online. Businesses will donate money to the fund. There are numerous businesses available including Just Eat, Amazon, Supermarket grocery deliveries to name but a few!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-josephs-ptfa-1>

Children In Need Day Friday 17th November

Children can wear any 'Children in Need' items on the day if they want to as this day will be a no school uniform day. We will not be asking for any donations on this day. . However, if you want to give to this charity any donations collected will be sent on by the school. Alternatively click here:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Christmas Tree Decorations and Giant knitted Character raffle 4th- 8th December

One of our Year 3 children will be running a Christmas stall at break times to raise money for Ovarian Cancer. She will be selling knitted Christmas tree decorations, sweet cones, cookies and cakes. There will also be a raffle to win a giant knitted character.

P.E. Timetable

As with our recent practise, please can children from FS2 (Reception) –Year 6 come to school dressed in their PE uniform.

- Monday –Y2, Y3, Y4
- Tuesday- Y1 & Y6
- Wednesday- FS2, Y6 & Swimming for Y5 only
- Thursday- Y1&Y2
- Friday- Y3,4&5

After School Clubs:

Tuesday – Exciting Computing Club with Miss Ayton (Key Stage 2)
Wednesday –Dodgeball with MFC
Thursday –Football Club with MFC

Clubs need to be booked via Parent Pay in advance. To ensure that clubs can run smoothly we ask you to sign up for a block of sessions, the cost of each club is £10 for each half-term. The computing club involves children using microbit technology which are pocket sized computers.

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Dates for your calendar:

- Monday 13th November Anti Bullying Themed Week Odd socks day
- Wednesday 15th November Governing Body Meeting
- Friday 17th November -Children in Need Day- No School Uniform required
- Monday 20th November Road Safety Week

Stars of the Week:

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

- LJ- Hudson W
- FS1-Joseph S & William D
- FS2- Skylah-Rose P-D
- Y1- Harley B & Jack W
- Y2- Freddie H & Athena L
- Y3- Henry & Genevieve
- Y4- George B & James L
- Y5- Matias B-R & Isaac W
- Y6- Daisy F & Ben E

Well done to the children for all their hard work.

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Remembrance Prayer:

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Yours sincerely,
Mr Geaves
Executive Head Teacher

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