



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Let me begin by thanking you all for your kind messages, cards and gifts on behalf of all the staff at St Joseph's. I hope that you had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break and wish all our families the very best for the new year. Can you believe that it is 2024!!

New Year-New Light Shining

Our school shared Mission Statement is Christ Be Our Light, in life, in love and in learning. I have previously shared with you the acronym for light so that we truly are guiding lights in all that we do. The acronym goes like this:

L is for Love
I is for Inspire
G is for Greatness
H is for Happy &
T is for Teaching.

This is a mission statement that we try to act out every single day at St Joseph's and I hope you see this in the children.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you to complete the Parent Questionnaire that was sent out yesterday. We have already had 28 family responses which is brilliant. The link to the survey is as follows:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jut8neZgqTCNlyxVcit1pIhIOjYHlBbR-dWtiznfV8Js/edit>

PTFA

If you are interested in joining the PTFA, our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd January 2.30pm. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be involved please email ptfa@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk

Lunch times

Several children have moved onto school lunches this term. Please take the opportunity to check whether or not you might be eligible for free school lunches using the school website or the link here;

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

As A Healthy School, we aim to promote healthy eating. Please don't send sweets or too many treats in the packed lunch box. **We still have children attending the school with nut allergies so don't send anything that has nuts in please.**

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Attendance and Absence

Unfortunately, a key feature of this time of year are the illnesses which go hand in hand with the season of winter. Can I take this opportunity to remind all our families that they should contact the school every day that a child is not well enough to attend. Ideally this call should be made before 9am so that we can account for all our children.

If you are planning on taking your child on holiday during term time you must complete a form giving at least 20 school days' notice. These are available from the front office. Unfortunately, I am not permitted to authorise any family holidays as that does not meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances.

We deem good attendance at 97%, below are our statistics to date:

Our benchmark for attendance

97-100%	<p>Attendance levels are good to excellent Positive encouragement/incentives/rewards systems are used to maintain high levels of attendance.</p>
94-96.9%	<p>Concerns emerging Establish reasons for absence, patterns of absence, analyse data to regularly monitor absence. Letter parent/carer advising of concern, offer support to improve and advise that future absences will not be authorised unless medical evidence is provided.</p>
90-93.9%	<p>Attendance levels causing concern Parents/carers invited to a meeting in school to identify any barriers and complete an attendance support plan. Where issues identified are outside of school offer referral to Local Authority Early Help service. Review date set.</p>
Below 90%	<p>Persistent Absentee despite school intervention Commencement of formal attendance support procedures. Attendance case conference held with parents/carers and school to formulate attendance plan and liaise with Local Authority in regard to issue of education supervision order, parenting order, fixed penalty notice or prosecution.</p>

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Autumn Term 2023 Attendance Figures

	Attendance to date	Ranking
Whole School	94.8%	Concerns Emerging
Year 6	94.4%	Concerns Emerging
Year 5	93.7%	Attendance Levels Causing Concern
Year 4	95.3%	Concerns Emerging
Year 3	95.1%	Concerns Emerging
Year 2	95.7%	Concerns Emerging
Year 1	95.5%	Concerns Emerging
Reception	95.9%	Concerns Emerging
Nursery	97.0%	Attendance Levels are good

After School Clubs

After school clubs will restart again from Monday. Once again, the cost for these clubs is £10 per half-term. This terms clubs are as follows:

- Tuesday MFC Football
- Wednesday MFC Dodgeball
- Thursday Science

PE timetable

Once again children are permitted to arrive at school in their PE uniform on their designated PE days.

- Monday Year 6, Year 1 & Year 5
- Tuesday Year 2, Year 1 and Reception
- Wednesday Year 3, Year 4 & Year 2 Swimming
- Thursday Reception, Year 5 and Year 6
- Friday Year 3 & Year 4

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School Calendar Dates

Our calendar for the year is live on our website.

Some upcoming events include:

- Friday 19th January -Y3-6 Cross Country
- Tuesday 23rd January PTFA Meeting 2.30pm
- Tuesday 30th January SEND Parents coffee morning
- Friday 2nd February French Breakfast
- Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 8th February: School Photograph Day
- Thursday 8th February: Break up for Half-Term
- Friday 9th February: PD Day School Closed to Pupils

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked really well on having a positive attitude after returning to school following the Christmas break.

- LJ- Florence W
- FS1- Maisie W & Blake T
- FS2- Charlie S
- Y1- Harley B & Hannah V
- Y2- Ellis J & Kaden W
- Y3- Martha H & Gabby S
- Y4- Vinnie RW & James L
- Y5- Holly H & Charleigh H
- Y6- Maisie B & Oscar J

Final Thoughts & Prayers

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Have a blessed weekend when it comes. Mr Geaves

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