



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely time at the French Breakfast this morning. Many thanks to the staff for helping to organise this. Please take the time to read through this week's news.

Catholic Life of the School

As mentioned last week the Bishop of Middlesbrough will be visiting the school on Thursday 8th February. He had to postpone his previous date with us last term so we are thrilled that this has been rearranged. We are looking forward to sharing our wonderful school with him.

Children's Mental Health Week- Next Week

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK. Children's Mental Health Week was launched in 2015 and each year, hundreds of schools, children, parents and carers take part. Now in its 10th year, our theme is 'My Voice Matters'. Children will undertake class work on this theme.

Safer Internet Day- Tuesday 6th February 2024

Safer Internet Day takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.

As part of this annual celebration, we encourage everyone - including children and young people, parents and caregivers, teachers and educators, policymakers, industry and others - to join "Together for a better internet".

With this in mind Cleveland Police Cyber Crime Team have put on the following event:
Join us for a virtual session where you can gain expert knowledge on Keeping children safe online.

Join us on the 6th February 2024 from 1.30pm to 3pm, when we are hosting an event to help you learn more about the things your child may be accessing online and how to keep them safe.

Join us on Microsoft Teams via the below link

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 369 193 291 18

Passcode: GaHaSv

For any questions please contact cyber.prevent@cleveland.police.uk

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Skills Builder Programme

In September we launched Skills builder to support our delivery of the PSHE curriculum alongside Life to the full. It has never been more important to build a set of essential skills to succeed in life for our children and young people: the ability to creatively solve problems, to self-manage, to communicate effectively, and to work well with others.

These are skills that are needed to do almost anything well. We have refined our PSHE curriculum so that we have a consistent, universal approach to delivering 8 essential skills: Listening, Speaking, Problem solving, Creativity, staying positive, Aiming high, Leadership and teamwork.

Research shows that building essential skills supports: social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities. As a parent or carer, you are best placed to support your child to recognise all of the different places where they are developing their essential skills.

School is just one part of the picture. Hobbies, interests, community connections and activities at home can all help to build the eight essential skills your child needs now and for their future success. You can easily support your child to build their essential skills. Talk with your child about the essential skills, what they are and how they are so useful. Help your child to identify where they already build their skills so they can talk about their skill strengths with others. Look for opportunities to build essential skills together.

Every week, we will set a new skills challenge for your child to complete at home if they choose to. The purpose of these challenges is to develop your child's 8 essential skills, as well as encouraging families to enjoy completing activities together. The first challenge focuses on creativity:

Winter is the coldest time of the year. Design a new coat/jacket that could keep anyone warm no matter how cold it gets.

What will the coat look like? What specifically will keep people warm? Could it use technology in some way? How will it be different to a regular winter coat?

Extension: Think about who would most benefit from your newly designed coat.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How can you share what you imagine?

Intermediate: How can you come up with lots of different ideas?

Advanced: How can you combine different ideas to create new ones?

Mastery: How can you help someone else to be creative?

Creativity

Please send any completed challenges to enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk

You can find further information about skills builder <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/parents-and-carers>

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School Calendar Dates

Our calendar for the year is live on our website.

- Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 8th February: Bishop of Middlesbrough Visiting School
- Thursday 8th February: Break up for Half-Term
- **Friday 9th February: PD Day School Closed to Pupils**
- **Monday 19th February Children return to school**
- Thursday 22nd February Governing Body Meeting
- Tuesday 27th February School Photograph Day
- Thursday 7th March PTFA Someone Special Afternoon Tea
- Friday 8th March St Joseph World Book Day Celebrations (1 day after world book day)
- Thursday 14th March PTFA Easter Bingo 5pm
- Thursday 21st March PTFA Easter Disco 5pm
- Friday 22nd March Y3 & Y4 Easter Production 1.30pm
- **Friday 22nd March School Breaks up for Easter Holiday**
- **Monday 8th April Children return to school**

Upcoming Road Closure Week Beginning Monday 26th February 2024

Like many local residents we have been made aware of the planned local road closure at the end of February.

As part of the community backed Loftus Regeneration Masterplan programme of works the Council through its Highway Services Team will be resurfacing the A174 between the Job Centre building and Stone Masons Bank.

These works will start week commencing Monday 26th February 2024 and last for 5 days. The times of work will be 9am to 3.30pm for each of these 5 days. During this time there will be a vehicle convoy system in place reducing the A174 to one lane to allow safe working. The B1366 will also be closed around the junction at Station Road and Westfield Terrace during these times. There will be diversions in place, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. This work will be outside of peak times to minimise disruption as best as practically possible.

This will have a direct impact on the school particularly as the road is closed until 3.30pm I am currently working on a plan of action as we have to think about how we will practically run our minibuses at the end of the day during this week. A separate letter will follow next week with a detailed plan of what the school will do to assist you all in this week.

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Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked really well on their problem-solving skills.

- LJ- Annabelle M
- FS1- Abel R & Tommy H
- FS2- Sebastian MT
- Y1- Amelia R & Lily R
- Y2- Pippa G & Charlie S
- Y3- Morgan & Gabriel
- Y4- George B & Bella T
- Y5- Isla L & Tommy-Lee N
- Y6- Fiann R & Mason D

Final Thoughts & Prayers

Today is the feast of the presentation of Our Lord in the temple. Our prayer is the Nunc Dimittis which is based on the prayer of Simeon in today's gospel. This is said daily as part of night prayer:

Now, Lord, you have kept your word:
let your servant go in peace.

With my own eyes I have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Mr Geaves

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