



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 8th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a lovely day today as the Bishop of Middlesbrough has visited the school. He drew a cat in Little Joeys, saw Nursery and Reception decorating biscuits, watched a mental health week story in Y1, saw some Maths in Y2, heard about a cave story in Year 3, told Y4 he didn't eat his favourite biscuits anymore, confessed to Y5 which football team he supported and finally in Y6 told us how he once wanted to be a Geography teacher. It really was an amazing day and I know the Bishop was happy with all that he saw and deeply cares about Catholic Education in his schools within the Diocese.

A very late newsletter as it has caught me out being on a Thursday. School is closed to all pupils now until Monday 19th February 2024.

Catholic Life of the School

Thank you for the responses to the recent survey which gave the school some very useful feedback. Headline responses included:

- ✓ 97% of families feel their child is safe at school.
- ✓ 100% of families feel their child is happy at school.
- ✓ 100% of families feel the school is a supportive and joyful community.
- ✓ 87% of families agree the school works well with local parishes.
- ✓ 94% of families understand the school's Catholic mission.
- ✓ 93% of children enjoy RE.
- ✓ 93% of families feel invited into the prayer life of the school.

I am delighted to also report that the recent Mini Vinnies fundraising efforts have totalled £57.30. Well done to all those children involved.

PTFA News

After the huge success of our 'Someone Special Day' 2023, we've decided to do it all again! This year's event will take place on Thursday 7th March at 1.30pm or 2.15pm.

Tickets are priced at £3 each which entitles 1 adult to receive a cream scone and tea/coffee and 1 child to receive a cake and juice. Additional children can be added to an adult ticket for an additional £1 each (eg. 1 adult, 2 children =£4) and additional adults can be added for £2 each (eg. 2 adults, 1 child = £5).

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 19th February until 3.30pm Friday 1st March from Miss Ayton. Please note this will be a ticketed event only to enable us to cater for the correct numbers. If you have any dietary requirements or a preference for a specified time sitting, please let us know when purchasing tickets.

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PE Dates next Half Term

- Monday- Y2, Y3, Y5, Y6
- Tuesday- FS2, Y3, Y4
- Wednesday- Y5, Y6 (Y1 swimming)
- Thursday-FS2, Y2
- Friday-Y1, Y4

After School Clubs

Uptake of these clubs has recently dropped to such low numbers that we have decided to pause after school clubs for half a term.

School Calendar Dates

Our calendar for the year is live on our website.

- 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.

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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.

In short this will impact us all particularly during the day and at home time. It will impact on the buses so I ask for your patience in this week. **School will be open as normal all week and photograph day will also take place on Tuesday 27th February as planned.**

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked really well realising that everyone is special- human dignity.

- LJ- Rhiannon C
- FS1- (Sorry I have not been given the names)
- FS2- Connie M
- Y1- Poppy H & Georgina T
- Y2- Frankie & Athena L
- Y3- Morgan J & Connie N
- Y4- Charley B & Abigail W
- Y5- Orlaith P & Matthew A
- Y6- Tilly S & Xanthie F

Final Thoughts & Prayers

Today is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita I will leave you with some of her words.

'The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone... we must be compassionate.'

Have a lovely half-term week, Pancake Day, Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday.

Mr Geaves

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