



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER: 24th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of another busy term. Our EYFS children are very excited to share the news that they have had an incubator delivered.

They are waiting patiently for eggs to hatch! Watch this space!

Moving up to KS2, anticipation is building for the Y5 residential trip to the Emmaus Youth Village next week.

We are also delighted with the of 35 new laptops which will enhance our Computing curriculum as well as support delivery of other curriculum areas.



Open Door Policy

Gentle reminder - St. Joseph's has an open-door policy. If you have any questions, concerns or issues to discuss, please get in touch with the Mrs Cowan/Miss Greenwell. Our office staff will make an appointment with the appropriate member of staff to deal with your query.

EYFS

This week in EYFS, we have transformed our role play area from a post office into a supermarket! The children helped set the area up and have enjoyed doing their shopping and serving their customers! A huge thank you to our parents who donated a range of goodies from Aldi to give our role play area a 'real life' feel!



Fr David

Fr David joined us in school on Thursday, to tell us about missionary work in a small village called Muhoroni in Kenya. Fr David has worked tirelessly to help the people of this small village gain independence. He told us all about the ladies who use a special grass to weave into baskets to sell. We have bought a basket and an angel for every class and hope to do some fund raising very soon.



Our Head Boy and Head Girl interviewed Fr David after the assembly and this will be shared with parents/carers on next week's newsletter. This newsletter, our final one of the term, will be produced by our Year 6 pupils.

The Big Walk

This Lent, we will be taking part in Cafod's Big Lent Walk to support families overseas grow in strength to fight the climate crisis. Each pupil will take part and be challenged to walk 10 times around our school playground. As a school, we will walk 268 km in total. All sponsorship donations can be made via parent pay.



Thank you for your continued support.

Easter egg/Easter bonnet competition

A reminder that we are holding an Easter Egg/Bonnet competition. All entries need to be in school by Thursday 30th March at 8:45 am. Prizes will be awarded for the children with the best creative Eggs/Bonnets. Please ensure children's wonderful creations are clearly labelled.



Extra-Curricular Activities - After School

All our extra-curricular activities clubs have finished for this term. Information on which clubs will be running in the summer term, and links to request a place, will be sent out next week.

General Kitchen Assistant

We have gone out to advert again for a General Kitchen Assistant. For more information please visit <https://www.bwcet.com/vacancies/>
Closing date is Tuesday 4th April.

KS1 Cricket Road Show

Years, 1, 2 and 3 will be taking part in the cricket roadshow on Tuesday 28th March. This will be run by coaches from Durham cricket club and will give them a taster into what local clubs provide in their Allstars Cricket programme. Children will be wearing their PE kits to take part in this.



Stations of the Cross Liturgy

In preparation for Easter the whole school will be taking part in a Stations of the Cross Liturgy on Thursday 30th March at 2 pm in church. Everyone welcome.



Hairstyles

A reminder that all long hair must be tied back at all times. Also, children must not come to school with dyed hair, shaved in lines or any extreme styles.

Website

We have revamped our website and this now up and running. All correspondence including newsletter and letters to parents etc. will be uploaded to the site and a text message sent to parents.

Phonics

If your child comes home with a grapheme sticker, please work on this sound at home with your child.

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



Nursery	Olivia	For lovely imagination when playing with others!
Reception	Rudi	For super effort in phonics and beautiful letter formation!
Year 1	Felicity	For brilliant work in maths! Well done Flick!
Year 2	William	For his brilliant suggestions when completing work on imperative verbs.
Year 3	Ella C	For producing some excellent poetry work!
Year 4	Steven	For improving his reading and reading more frequently at home. Well done!
Year 5	Katie	For excellent work during our science investigation
Year 6	Abbigail	For some excellent GPS work this week.



As you know, attendance is hugely important and we report attendance on a weekly/ monthly/ termly basis. We monitor attendance/lateness very closely in school and will raise any concerns with parents/carers on an individual basis. If you have any concerns with regards to your child's attendance/lateness please contact us as soon as possible so we can work together to resolve any issues. Please note that the recent Industrial Action will not impact on your child's attendance.

This week's attendance is: 94.2%

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
85.1%	97.1%	93.6%	95.8%	91.0%	95.0%	92.3%	97.7%



House Points

We have re-introduced the House Points system in school. Children can earn house points from all staff during the week. The house points for this week are:

St Aidan – 373

St Oswald –390

St Cuthbert – 481

St Bede – 421

Congratulations to St Cuthbert team and well done to everyone who has earned points this week.

Easter STEM Activities 2023

3rd and 4th April Consett Academy
13th and 14th April Park View (North Lodge)

Age 7+

Hot lunch provided

9.00AM - 3.00PM

Mini Catapults | Rockets
Constructable Ride-ons
Desktop Vacuum Forming
Handmade Soap | Fan Cars
Skills Development Activities

*Each activity runs on a carousel throughout the sessions. Children will complete two different activities each day. Activities are subject to change without notice, due to the availability of equipment and materials required.

Head to www.STEAMAheadEducation.co.uk /book to book places

If you have any queries, please contact us at

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