



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



## NEWSLETTER: 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a lovely break over the Easter. What a busy start we have had to the term.

### **Year 1 Trip**

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Winter Gardens this week. It was the perfect way to complete their topic of plants. They loved learning about the life cycle of plants and exploring different parts of plants. Pupils had a close look at cactus and lotus roots.

The class are very excited to watch over the peas they planted and brought back to school, grow over the next few weeks!

### **School Photographer**

All children, who were in school on Tuesday, had their school photograph taken. These have been sent home today. Please return all orders to school no later than Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

Thank you.

### **Dan Smith Visit**

We know, of course, how much the children of St Joseph's enjoy reading, so you can only imagine the excitement generated as author Dan Smith visited school this week to speak with Y4, Y5 and Y6. Dan is a local author and his books are hugely popular – particularly his Crooked Oak series. The children were thrilled to hear about his love of reading and writing. He answered all their questions and praised our pupils for their joy of reading as well as their excellent questions. We look forward to reading many more of his books. Our pupils were so inspired, we might be asking some of them to return as published authors in the future. We'll see!

### **The Forge Art Project**

Year 4 are taking part in a fantastic animation project in conjunction with The Forge and Kevan Jones, MP. Sheryl Jenkins, local animator, is working with our pupils to produce an animation around the theme of democracy. The children are currently producing their own story boards and using stop frame animation. We look forward to seeing the finished product! We are delighted that pupils from St Joseph's are involved in such wonderful initiatives, enhancing their knowledge of British Values.

### **EYFS Celebration**

Our EYFS children ended the week with a lovely Easter/New Life Liturgy. As ever, our youngest pupils were brilliant. Thank you, to all those who were able to join in the celebration.

### **New Term, New Menu**

Please follow the link to see the new school meals menu. If you would like your child to move to school meals, please contact the school office. <https://stjosephsstanley.bwcet.com/parents/school-meals/>

### **Equalities Training**

Staff enjoyed a very informative and interactive training session on Equalities this week led by our safeguarding consultants, Clennell Educational Solutions. The session will support us in our drive to extend pupils' knowledge and understanding of equality and diversity. Looking ahead, our pupils will have access to workshops at an age-appropriate level.

## **Breakfast Club**

Continuing with the food theme, we have made a few changes to the way our breakfast club operates. Donna, our cook, is now taking responsibility for the cooking and Miss Glendenning and Miss McLellan are supervising the children who attend. We are now offering a hot option as well as toast and cereal.

- Monday – beans on toast
- Tuesday – sausage in bun
- Wednesday – scrambled egg
- Thursday – bacon in a bun
- Friday –pain au chocolate

There will a slight increase in the cost of breakfast club and this will rise to £3.50 per day from 01/05/2024. This is due to the wider menu available and increased staff.

These changes have been well received by our children, who seem delighted with the range of choices.

## **Outstanding Payments**

A reminder that school meal, breakfast club and wrap around care accounts need to be kept in credit. If you have any queries regarding any outstanding payments, or if you have difficulty making payment, please contact Mrs Cowan, School Business Manager, to discuss this further. All conversations will be discreet and supportive and school will work with you to create a payment plan.

All accounts need to be up to date by the end of the school year.

## **School Uniform - Emblematic**

The price of uniform from our supplier, Emblematic, will increase from 1st<sup>t</sup> May 2024. Details of price increase can be found on their website <https://studentuniform.co.uk/stjos120/>

## **Recent Updates from Emblematic**

- 1. Following some comments from customers regarding our independent Call Centre, we have decided to bring the call centre back in house so when you phone in with a question you will be dealing with a person who is at the same location as the factory and warehouse, this will greatly improve customer service during our busiest weeks in July and August.*
- 2. Last year we have teamed up with a company called **Klarna**, to offer an **interest free 3-payment plan** to help spread the costs of uniform over three equal payments thus reducing the strain and worries about uniform costs and following comments received last year we have lowered the minimum spend amount to help with you with spreading the costs.*
- 3. Our website has been updated, which allows far more integration with our shops and will enable stock holding to be shown online in real time making it quicker to see if items are available straight away.*

## **Cut-Off Dates for School Uniform 2024**

Order before 16<sup>th</sup> June – Delivery to school or home before school closes for the summer.

Order before 21<sup>st</sup> July – Delivery to school or Home before school returns in September.

### Star of the Week

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



Nursery	Sadie	For showing amazing confidence when sharing her photographs of her Easter holidays with the class
Reception	Joey	For super effort with his writing!
Year 1	Jacob	For trying his best to improve his reading!
Year 2	Aria	For trying her best on her presentation.
Year 3	Louie	For an excellent, detailed retell of a Greek myth.
Year 4	Emie	For excellent participation in our Art project.
Year 5	Emily McG	For excellent work in shape this week.
Year 6	Molly	For excellent work on fractions this week.

### Times Table Rock Star

This week's 'Rockstar of the Week' is **Emily**! Well done, for your amazing multiplication and fantastic studio speed! Children can see all our TTRS winners on our 'Times Table Rockstars' display board in school.

This term we are having a rolling total for our KS2 Class Times Tables Tournament. This week Year 3 are in the lead with 202 points! Well done, for all your hard work.

St Joseph's are currently 12<sup>th</sup> on the leaderboard for schools in our area. Let's make a big effort this week to get back into the top 10!

## **House Points**

Children can earn house points from all staff during the week.

Congratulations to St Aidan who have earned the most house points this week.

## **Attendance**

**This week's attendance is %.**

**Our target is 97%.**

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year1</b>	<b>Year2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>98.7%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>94.67%</b>	<b>93.33%</b>	<b>96.9%</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>99.31%</b>	<b>97.74%</b>