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Dear parents, grandparents and parishioners,

It has been another wonderful week at St. Joseph's. We attended our Welcome Mass on Thursday morning to welcome our new Reception class into our school family. The children were so well behaved and read and sang so beautifully. It was so lovely to see lots of parents and grandparents in attendance. Thank you also to Father Shaun for a beautiful Mass.

This week, I have seen lots of wonderful learning going on. I have been so impressed with children's phonics knowledge in Key Stage 1, writing skills in Key Stage 2 and how pupils in our school treat each other with great kindness and love.

British Values

Next week, we will be focussing on Individual Liberty. Children will learn that they have the freedom to make their own choices when appropriate and if we respect those around us. Well done to all our winners this week who showed tolerance of other faiths and cultures.

Catholic Life and Mission

As part of our commitment to the Catholic Life and Mission of our school and our dedication in supporting our local community, we are collecting tins to donate to Pact House. Pact House is a local food bank which supports lots of people in our local area and we are delighted to work closely with them. Please send any tinned food in with your child or leave them at the office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Attendance

This week, you will have received attendance letters in line with our school policy. Attendance is a priority, and it will be robustly monitored. Please continue to ensure that your child is in school and on time every day. Thank you for your support with this.

Save the Date

Please see information about our Parish Christmas Craft Fair (23rd November at 12.30pm). Our Ethos ambassadors are planning ways of how we, as a school, can support this. We will be in touch in the next few weeks about this.

I look forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents into school next Thursday for a class Celebration of the Word.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,
Mrs. Urwin



Flu Immunisation

A reminder that there are just **7 days left** to give/ refuse your consent for your child to have their free flu vaccine at school on **27 September 2024**. The flu vaccine is a quick and painless spray up the nose that keeps millions of people safe from flu every year (injections are also available for those who need them). It will help to make sure that your child is less likely to miss important lessons and social time at school.

Thank you to all parents who have already responded. If you are not one of them, it is not too late. It only takes a few minutes to **give or refuse your consent by following this link**:

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/6e83556c>

The link contains the consent form and additional information such as FAQs regarding the vaccination. The link will close on **20 September 2024**. **If your child has already received the Flu vaccine from their GP or hospital since September 2024, please complete a refusal form.**

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397.

After School Clubs

We are in the process of arranging our after-school clubs, as well as this we will also be running a half-termly film club at a cost of £2.50 per child, the first one will be held on Friday 18th October. Booking arrangements for this will be on Arbor at 6pm on Wednesday 18th September.

The following after school clubs will start after the October half term week commencing 4th November booking arrangements will open on Wednesday 25th September at 6pm.

- Reception Fun Club- Monday 15 places
- KS2 Quiz Club- Thursday 20 places
- KS1 Science club- Tuesday 20 places
- KS2 Book Club- Book Club 30 places
- Reevo Multi Sports club – days to be confirmed

St Bede's Open Evening

SAVE THE DATE

Year 5 and 6 Open Evening
Thursday 26th
September 2024,
5.30pm - 7.30pm



Nut-Free

St Joseph's is a nut-free school, children should not come with any nut-based product for a snack or packed lunch- this includes products that contain or have traces of nuts. It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them. Thank you for your support in this.



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.

This week's attendance is 95.9%. Our target is 97%

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.3%	93.3%	94.5%	100%	96.6%	97.2%	93%	95.5%

Star of the Week

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



Nursery	Alfie S	For lots of lovely listening and sharing his ideas.
Reception	Jak	For sharing his amazing ideas with confidence during carpet time.
Year 1	Jack	For always trying his best to contribute to lessons.
Year 2	Harriet	For working very hard in all subjects this week. Keep it up!
Year 3	Felicity	For her excellent attitude towards all aspects of school life.
Year 4	John	For excellent contributions to lessons this week.
Year 5	Cade	For excellent work in English this week.
Year 6	Chloe	For some fantastic work in maths this week when working on place value to ten million.

Awards of the week

Captain's Table: Alfie D, Ivie, Grace P, Finlay, Brooke, Will, Matthew, Henry

Mission Statement: Archie, Phoebe, Lewis, Ruby, Clementine, Isla, Ivy, Arjun

British Values: Ewan, Arabella, Jesse, Eadie, Isabella, Aidan, Ella C, Harry

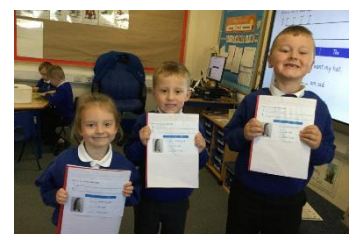
EYFS: This week in Early Years we took part in a wonderful Celebration of the Word. We prepared our prayer space, lit our candle and gathered in a circle. The children all held on to a piece of string to show that we are all part of God's family. As we prepared to listen to The Word, we passed the Bible



around the circle. While doing so, we thought about how we follow the Word of God to show we are part of his family. In response to The Word, we each added our fingerprint to a rainbow. We talked about how, even though we are all part of God's family we are all special and unique! Our mission going forth was to tell someone something that is special and unique about them...



Year 1: Year 1 have had another brilliant week. We have continued to explore our provision- this week's favourites have been challenges with playdoh and the reading area. We have also started work on our class reader 'I want my hat back.' We have worked so hard on our writing and have enjoyed taking part in telling the story. Well done Year 1 for another amazing week of hard work.



Year 2: It has been another action-packed week in Year 2. They have continued to work very hard in all subjects and it has been lovely to watch them trying their best. This week, children have enjoyed looking at animals and their offspring in science, as well as spending some time with Year 5 reading. They sang beautifully at Mass. Well done once again Year 2!

Year 5: Its been another great week in Year 5, we have had a lovely Celebration of the Word with our class family and we thoroughly enjoyed singing in our Welcome Mass. We also really enjoyed having a reading partner session with Year 2, and sharing lovely stories.



Year 3: What a fantastic week Year 3 have had! They were bursting with enthusiasm to learn that our first history topic was the Ancient Egyptians, and they were fascinated by what Howard Carter discovered. They have had some meaningful discussions during RE lessons and impressed us with their written work.

Keep up the hard work, Year 3!



Year 4: Year 4 have had a very busy but enjoyable week. During our PE lessons, children enjoyed playing attacking games, where they were learning the importance of moving into space and intercepting the ball from the other team. In Art, children began to look at textiles from around the world and how they are used. We enjoyed our history lessons where we began to look at the legend of Romulus and Remus. We also worked hard in RE, studying family trees and how they tell us about a person's family history.

Year 6: This week Year 6 have been working hard in maths looking at numbers to 10,000,000 and investigating multiplying and dividing these numbers by 10 and 100. They've been reading their new book 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' in English lessons and have been exploring how the author Nizrana Farook describes settings. They have also had their first swimming lesson of the year. They were fantastic in the pool, and it was commented on by their teacher and lifeguards how respectful and well behaved they were at the Lousia Centre.