



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Statement to Live By: I know that it is ok for me to make mistakes

Dear Parent/Carer

Wow! This half term is flying by and we are very busy in school over the next couple of weeks.

Whole School Celebration of the Word

This week in our Celebration of the Word, we have been thinking about how we can be guided by God this Lent when we GIVE, ACT and PRAY.

Prayer

Father in Heaven,

Thank you for your great guidance!

Help me to listen to Jesus by loving you and others well.

Forgive me when I don't follow your ways.

Amen

Celebration of the Word

Thank you to all of the families and friends who supported our year 5 and reception class when they attended Mass in church. It was lovely to see so many faces in church to support the children.

Our reception class took part in their first celebration of the word with the theme being 'Mothers Day'. Thank you to all of the families and friends who attended, I'm sure you will all agree the children were brilliant!

Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed a fun afternoon at Farringdon Academy taking part in a trampoline event. It was a great afternoon and they all developed new skills on the trampoline. Mrs Hampson and Mrs Jacklin couldn't believe how high some of the children were jumping, twisting, turning and bouncing. Well done Year 2 you made us very proud!

Girls Biggest Ever Football Session

Alongside England Football, we signed up to take part in the biggest ever girls football training session. All girls from year 1 to year 6 participated in a training session with a football coach and then played mini matches between the classes. I'm sure all of the girls would agree it was a fun session and they all developed and learnt new footballing skills. Well done girls.

World Book Day



We celebrated World book day Thursday 7th March. We had Harry Potter, Stick Man, oompah loompa's, Wally, Willy Wonka and pyjama's to name just a few. There were lots of creative costumes in school. The children enjoyed a parade in the hall, reading with other classes, a book swap and book themed games.

Thank you to all of the children who entered our world book day competitions to design a spoon and read to your pet or soft toy. The standard was so high. We didn't realise so many of our favourite book characters could be made with a wooden spoon! The pictures and spoons have been displayed in school so all of the children can see.

Winners of the reading competition were: Freddie (reception), Isla (year 1), Oliver (year 2), Isabelle (year 5) and Leda (year6). Winners of the spoon competition were: Molly (nursery), Olivia (reception), Joel (year1), Sophia (year2), Frankie (year 3&4), Amelie (year 5&6). Congratulations.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual book fair took place from Thursday 7th March and will continue until Monday 11th March. There was something for everyone at the book fair with over 30% of titles under £5. World book day vouchers are accepted at the book fair which will give you £1 off any title on the fair. Each class will visit the book fair during school. The book fair will be open to parents and children after school on Friday 8th March and Monday 11th March in the morning. The book fair will be 'Cash' only.

Lent and Holy Week

There are many activities planned for Holy Week, please make a note of the events and dates.



Big Lent Walk – CAFOD

The 'Big Lent Walk' will take place from school on Tuesday 26th March, taking in a 1.5km walk around the park and up through the village. We will be leaving school at 3.30pm and ask any children or families wanting to join us to be accompanied by an adult.

Staff will only be there to facilitate the walk and not to chaperone the children. If you would like to donate and raise funds for CAFOD please use the QR code which was sent out previously to take you to our fundraising page for CAFOD.

The friends of St. Joseph's will be opening the parish rooms to serve teas, coffees and refreshments for a small price before and after the walk. Please join them for a well deserved cuppa after the walk!

Journey Through Easter

As we journey through to Easter, every class will be learning about and recreating one aspect of the Easter story. Leading up to Holy week, each class will video their part of the story. The stories will then be put together and a presentation of the 'Journey through Easter' will be made available to parents on the yard during holy week. We will be using a QR code on each 'station' on the yard. At school pick up throughout the week beginning 25th March, the 'stations' and QR will be available on the yard and parents will be able to watch each class video from the 'Journey through Easter'.

Faith in Action

As part of their Faith in Action award, year 6 will be selling raffle tickets from the week beginning 18th March to raise money for CAFOD. Staff have donated Easter eggs for the raffle prizes which will be drawn on Thursday 28th March. It will be 20p per ticket, or £1 per strip with a maximum of 2 strips per child.

Easter Disco

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!

We will be holding a school Easter disco on Wednesday 27th March after school. Children from Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 2 will have their disco straight from school at 3.20pm to 4.20pm. (Nursery children can return to school). Children from year 3, year 4, year 5 and year 6 will have their disco at 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Tickets are £4 and children will be provided with a small snack at the disco. This is a fantastic fundraiser for school and fun for the children, your support is greatly appreciated.

Non-uniform day

There will be a non-uniform day on Wednesday 27th March, 50p voluntary donation.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March in the school hall. Allocated 10 minute booking time slots will once again be made through Arbor. Please book your time slot if you haven't already done so.

Red Nose Day

Red nose day is Friday 15th March, children can come into school dressed in something red that day. If any parents would like to make a donation to red nose day, the following link can be used in your browser which will take you to the red nose day donation page.

Donate | Comic Relief

Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to all of the children who took part in our times tables rock star battle, girls v boys – congratulations to the boys who won that round. Watch out for further information about the next battle.

Football Team

The season has kicked off again for our school football team. Well done to all of the players for their first matches. The team showed great skills and excellent team work. Miss Hutchinson was extremely proud!

Admissions to Nursery

From September 2024 we will be offering both 15 hour and 30 hour nursery places to children who are 3 years old. The closing date for applications is 1st April 2024. To apply for a place in our nursery, please collect a nursery application form from our school office.

Lunch Money

School lunch is £2.65 per day. For those parents who pay for school lunch, could payments please be made on a Monday morning for the week ahead. The school lunch money account should be in credit at all times.

Parking outside school

Parking outside of school is becoming a safety concern.

Traffic wardens and parking patrols will be intermittently monitoring parking outside of school.

Please be considerate when parking around school, it has recently become very hazardous for children getting across the road. Parking is not permitted in the bus stop, or on the yellow lines directly outside of school, even for drop off. There is parking availability in the Church carpark and at the park. Sunderland Council are aware and will be doing spot checks on cars parked illegally or causing a hazard and may issue penalty notices.

We have also had a number of complaints from members of the public about parking around school. We do not want near misses to become something more serious!



Keeping Children Safe

Every member of staff in school will act to keep children safe. Our designated staff who have a lead role in keeping them safe are:

Mrs E Maher - Headteacher
Mrs F Lawton – Acting Deputy Headteacher
Mrs J Johnson – Senior Leader
Mrs P Swanston – Business Manager

Please can we remind parents/carers - children are not allowed in the car park. Please keep children away from the entrance to the car park. This is high risk area.

Attendance

We will be continuing our attendance monitoring this term. If attendance has dropped below our Trust target of 97% an attendance letter may be sent out.

Congratulations to year 5, their attendance was 100% this week and therefore they look after 'Bingo' our school attendance mascot until next week.

What's on this Half Term

07, 08, March 2024	Scholastic Book Fair – School Hall 3.20pm
08 March 2024	Reception – Celebration of the Word. 9am School Hall – parents /carers welcome.
08 March 2024	Biggest ever girls football event Year 1 – Year 6
11 March 2024	Scholastic Book Fair – School Hall 8.40am
11 March 2024	Year 5 Dodgeball Event – Sunderland Tennis Centre
12 March 2024	Year 1 Multi sports event – Sunderland Tennis Centre
15 March 2024	Red Nose Day – Wear red
19 March 2024	Parents Evening. School hall.
20 March 2024	Parents Evening. School hall.
25 – 28 March 2024	Journey Through Easter – School Yard
26 March 2024	Big Lantern Walk – 3.20pm
27 March 2024	Non-uniform day – 50p voluntary donation
27 March 2024	Easter Disco – after school
28 March 2024	Break up for Easter Holidays

School Meals = Please note the price of a school meal is increasing from 1st September to £2.65. Payments should be made through Arbor