



St Joseph's Newsletter 15.09.2023

Message from the new Headteacher

Welcome to our new weekly newsletter! As a school we want to ensure we keep you up to date with what is going on in school so that you always feel well informed. As the new Headteacher of the school, I would like to reassure all parents and carers that I operate a fully open-door policy. If you have any questions, issues, concerns or need any support at all, please contact the school office and an appointment can be made. Working together we can really make a difference for all our children.

Attendance

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 / 5	Year 6
Attendance	99.6%	90%	95.7%	97.7%	94.6%	97.4%

This week our overall attendance was 95.5%. Please make every effort to ensure your child gets to school every day and on time to help us achieve our target. Punctuality is imperative to a child's education, so please ensure your child is at school for 8:50am each day. Well done to Reception for achieving over 99% attendance this week. This is fantastic! Also, well done to Year 3 and Year 6 for almost achieving 98%!

ARBOR PAY BALANCES

Parents are reminded to login to their ARBOR account and clear any negative balances as soon as possible. Please help our school office by not being in arrears and paying daily or weekly.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception – 
Felicity
For a brilliant first 2 weeks in school

Year 1 –
Ajay
Amazing sentence writing

Year 2 -
Hannah
Brilliant maths work

Year 3 –
Ellie-Rose
For having an excellent attitude to learning!

Year 4 –
Lea
For sharing some brilliant ideas for similies

Year 5 –
Kian
For a fantastic effort in maths this week.

Year 6 –
Maisie
For making an excellent start in Year 6.

Autumn term

Planned Trips and Visitors

(Curriculum linked to enhance our pupil's learning)

EYFS – Muddy Monsters

Year 1 - Beamish

Year 2 – Saltwell Park – Art Session

Year 3 -Jesmond Dene

Year 4 – Centre for Life

Year 5 -Broom Hill Farm

Year 6 – SafetyWorks

House points winner



Well done:
ST. OSWALD



INFORMATION

Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came to our Curriculum evening on Wednesday. It was lovely to meet some of you and to give all staff the chance to let you all know about what the children will be learning, see their classroom and hear about our exciting plans. Thank you again for your ongoing support. We are sending out the booklets for those who couldn't attend and will also be sending out another booklet to let parents know the End of Year expectations for their child. The power point from the evening will be added to our new website which is coming soon!

After School – Extra Curricular clubs

We are very excited to let you know about our after school clubs that we will be offering to pupils from the 2nd October 2023. These clubs will run all term with the last sessions running w/c 11th December 2023 from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. To enable us to provide resources and run these clubs effectively there will be a charge of £2 per session. No child will be prevented from attending due to financial hardship. If your child would like to attend a club and you are struggling financially, then please contact the school office (in total confidence) and we can support with this. The clubs do have limited spaces however if any club is oversubscribed we will split the children into two groups and share out the dates. This will allow all children who want to attend to be able to. More details of how to register your child and how to pay will follow soon.

The clubs for this term are:

Reception and Year 1 – Playground Games - Tuesday.

Year 1 and Year 2 – Lego Club – Monday.

Year 1 and Year 2 – Drawing Club – Tuesday.

Year 3 and Year 4 – Jewelry Craft Club – Thursday.

Year 5 and Year 6 – Quiz and Logic club (until half term) then Tye Dying Club

KS2 – Irish Dancing – Thursday.

KS2 – Film Club – Tuesday.

KS2 – Choir – Thursday.

INSET Day

We have an INSET day on Friday 20th October 2023. School will be closed to children and it will be open as normal from Monday 30th October.

Packed Lunches

St Joseph's is a healthy school. If your child brings in a packed lunch, we ask parents to provide a healthy packed lunch containing:

- sandwich
- fruit
- a biscuit
- drink

Please do not send fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate (including chocolate covered biscuits and cakes). Takeaway food items are not permitted.

Arbor and Weduc

I am aware from speaking to a few parents on the Curriculum Evening that there has been some confusion around the apps that the school uses. Arbor is currently used in school for payments, booking breakfast club/after school clubs and meals. Weduc is currently used for letters we send home. In the near future, the school will be moving across to Arbor for everything to try and simplify this for parents. More details will follow when this is going to occur. If you want to contact the school via email the school email address is : info@stig.bwcet.com. If this information is for particular teaching or support staff we will ensure the information is passed on. Just let us know in the email who this information is for.

School Meals

We have attached the school meal menu for this academic year to this newsletter. We encourage all parents to pre book their child's meals via Arbor and pay (where applicable). Pre booking meals allows more time in the morning to be spent on learning and teaching.

UNIFORM

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the expected uniform in school. Children can wear grey trousers, grey smart uniform shorts, grey skirt, royal blue sweatshirt, yellow polo shirt, blue gingham school dresses. All uniform can be with or **without** the school logo.

Children should not be wearing sports leggings/sports shorts, joggers, hair extensions ,earrings, trainers or false nails for school. No extreme hair styles including tram lines.

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for help from any keen parents who may be willing to help run a football team! If you would be able to help us with this and would be happy for us to undertake the necessary Enhanced DBS checks then please get in touch with the school office or speak to Mrs. Hall. I know the children are very excited about having their own team!

EVENT REMINDERS

Date	Class	Event
Monday 18 th September 2023	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Reading Information meeting. 2.30pm
Friday 22 nd September 2023	Year 4	Liturgical prayer, in school. 9am
Friday 29 th September 2023	Reception and Year 6	EYFS welcome liturgy- led by Year 6 (all welcome)
Tuesday 3 rd October 2023	Year 3, 4, 5, and 6	School mass – 11am St Joseph’s Catholic Church.
Friday 6 th October 2023	Year 3	Liturgical prayer, in school. 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 11 th October 2023	Whole School	Parent’s afternoon/evening. More details to follow. 1pm to 6pm.
Friday 13 th October 2023	Year 2	Liturgical prayer, in school. 9am. All welcome.
Friday 20 th October 2023	Whole School	School Closed – INSET DAY
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023 Whole school - Half Term. School Closed		
Friday 3 rd November 2023	Year 1	Liturgical prayer, in school. 9am
Friday 10 th November 2023	Reception	Liturgical prayer, in school. 9am
Friday 17 th November 2023	Year 6	Liturgical prayer, in school. 9am
Friday 24 th November 2023	Year 5	Liturgical prayer, in school 9am
Friday 1 st December 2023	Year 4	Liturgical prayer, in school 9am
Friday 8 th December 2023	Year 3	Liturgical prayer, in school 9am
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	EYFS, 1 and 2	Nativity Play. 9.30am. Ticketed event. More details to follow.
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Nativity Play. 2.00pm. Ticketed event. More details to follow.
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Nativity Play. 9.30am. Ticketed event. More details to follow.
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	EYFS, 1 and 2	Nativity Play. 2.00pm. Ticketed event. More details to follow.
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Whole School	Christmas Lunch. More details to follow.
Friday 15 th December 2023	Year 1	Liturgical prayer, in school 9am
Monday 18 th December 2023	EYFS, 1 and 2	Christmas Party day. 1pm. More details to follow.
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Years 3,4,5,and 6	Christmas Party day. 1pm. More details to follow.
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Whole School	Santa’s Grotto.
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Year 2	Liturgical prayer, in school 9am
Friday 22nd December to Friday 5^h January 2023 Whole school – End of term. <i>Monday 8th January – INSET Day</i> <i>All children return on Tuesday 9th January 2024</i>		





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School menu



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WEEK 1 FISH FRIDAY

MEAT FREE MONDAY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1ST CHOICE	Cheese & tomato round pizza, pasta, baked beans, or mixed salad	Sausages, mashed potato, mixed veg & gravy	Pork meatballs, handmade potato wedges, schools' choice tomato sauce or gravy	Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Fish portion, chips & peas
2ND CHOICE		Homemade cheese pastry, mashed potato, mixed veg & gravy	Vegetable enchilada, potato wedges, sweetcorn or mixed salad	Cooks' choice pasta, garlic bread & mixed salad	Veggie bake, chips & peas
JACKET POTATO	Tuna mayo, cheese, beans				Cooks' choice homemade biscuit
DESSERT	School cake & custard	Jelly & fruit	Pancake with bananas and toffee sauce	Fruit smoothie & fruit	

WEEK 2 FISH FRIDAY

MEAT FREE MONDAY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1ST CHOICE	Folded pizza, pasta, baked beans, or mixed salad	Mince pork pie, mashed potato, mixed veg & gravy	Chicken curry, naan bread & pea/sweetcorn mix	Gammon slices, roast potatoes, cauliflower, carrots & gravy	Fish finger, potato wedges & peas
2ND CHOICE		Veggie meatballs in gravy, mashed potato, mixed veg	Vegetable chow mein with pea/sweetcorn mix	Cooks' choice pasta, garlic bread & mixed salad	Veggie fingers, potato wedges & peas
JACKET POTATO	Tuna mayo, cheese, beans				
DESSERT	Waffle & fruit	Ice cream roll with fruit	Cooks' choice homemade biscuit	School cake & custard	Muffin

WEEK 3 FISH FRIDAY

MEAT FREE MONDAY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1ST CHOICE	Flat bread pizza slice, pasta, baked beans or mixed salad	Beef burger in a bun, potato wedges, sweetcorn or mixed salad	Chicken wrap with salad, savoury rice & garlic mayo	Savoury mince with cooks' choice topping, mashed potato, green beans, carrots & gravy	Fish star, seasoned twisters & peas
2ND CHOICE		Cheese omelette, potato wedges, sweetcorn or mixed salad	Veggie curry, rice, naan bread & vegetable sticks	Cooks' choice pasta, garlic bread & mixed salad	Veggie shapes, seasoned twisters & peas
JACKET POTATO	Tuna mayo, cheese, beans				Muffin
DESSERT	Chocolate crispy cake with orange wedge	School cake & custard	Cooks' choice homemade biscuit	Fruit & ice cream	

