



St Joseph's Newsletter 29.09.2023

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	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	99.3%	95.38%	99.66%	94.83%	94.67%	97.62%	89.96%

This week our overall attendance was a very impressive **97.5%**. Well done for all pupils who improved their attendance this week. Punctuality is also imperative to a child's education, so please ensure your child is at school for 8:50am each day. Well done to Year 2 for achieving 99.6%, Reception 99.3% and Year 5 with 97.62%. Fantastic!

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 – 
John
Fantastic helper around the classroom

Year 1 –
Arya
Great effort with his writing

Year 2 -
Gabbi
Amazing maths work

Year 3 –
Yolanda
For working hard in English

Year 4 –
Tristan
For always being ready to learn

Year 5 –
Oscar
For always working hard and giving good answers in class

Year 6 –
Zara
For being a sensible and mature member of 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 – Beamish
(Broom Hill Farm is for Spring!)

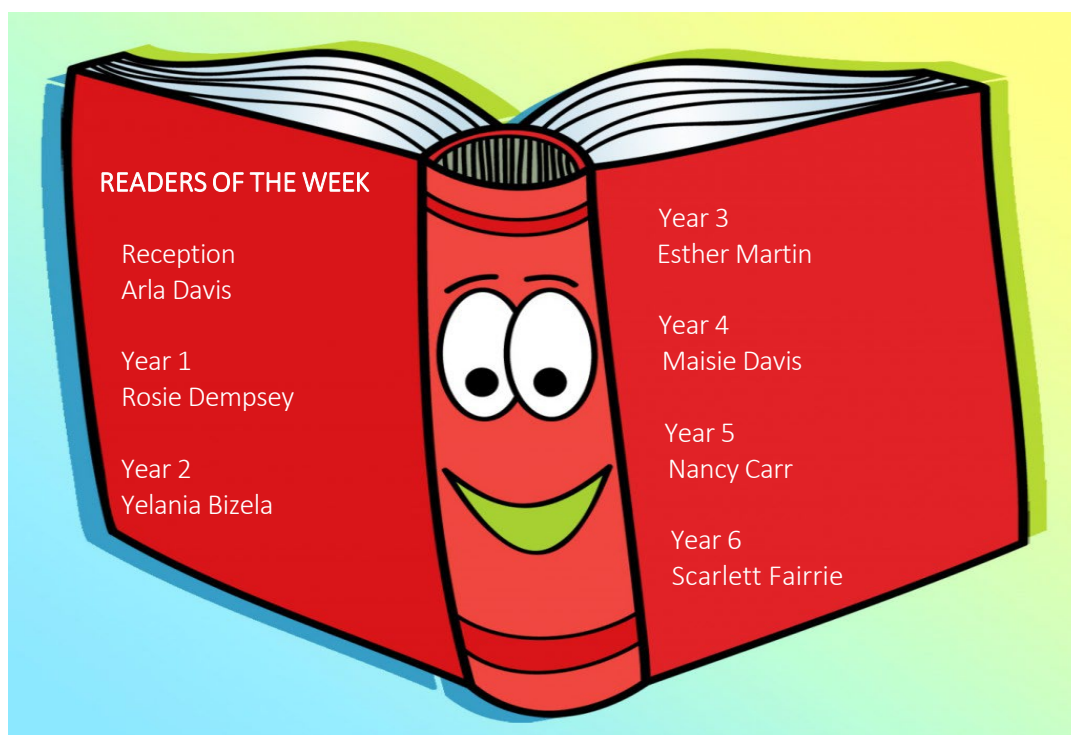
Year 6 – SafetyWorks

House points winner



Well done:
ST. AIDAN





INFORMATION

OFSTED Visit

As you will be aware OFSTED were in school on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. A report will be published in the next few weeks and will be shared with parents as soon as it is available. Thank you to all parents for your support over these days and your continuous support to the school.

Booster Morning Invites

Over the last few weeks staff have been identifying children in school who we believe that with a little extra support can be even more amazing that they already are in reading. Invites will be sent out for some children to come into school one day a week, at 8.20am to work with their class teacher in a small group. Please look out for an invite. This is an invaluable opportunity to build on any learning and intervention in school to ensure all children are supported to achieve their best.

After School – Extra Curricular clubs – *AVAILABLE TO BOOK NOW ON ARBOR (some undersubscribed!)*

We are very excited to let you know about our after school clubs that we are 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. **Some of our clubs unfortunately are very undersubscribed at present so may not be able to go ahead. If your child would like to join a club there is still time. Please log on to Arbor and book. If there is a financial reason your child can't join a club, please just contact the school and we can arrange support. No child will be stopped from taking part in a club due to financial restrictions.**

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 – Jewellery Craft Club – Thursday.

KS2 – Irish Dancing – Thursday.

KS2 – Film Club – Tuesday.

KS2 – Choir – Thursday.

Please note: Due to a temporary staff absence Year 5 and Year 6 – Quiz and Logic club, will now not begin until after October half term. Tye Dying Club will begin in January 2024.

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.

Paying for school meals in Year 3,4,5 and 6

As you may be aware, school meals are universally free to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. From Year 3 onwards, if you would like your child to have a school meal there is a cost of £2.75. Some families in these year groups are still entitled to free means tested school meals by filling in an application form if in receipt of certain benefits. If you think this may be you and your child is not receiving school meals for free, please contact the school office.

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@stjg.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.

Breakfast Club

Please pre-book and pay for your places for breakfast club on Arbor. The capacity for the club is 30. Once this number is reached the school can't accept drop-ins.

Names in Clothes

Please remember to put your children's names in their clothing. We appreciate how costly it can be to buy uniform, especially if you have more than one child, and we really want to support the children in looking after their own things. Without names, things can get lost and we don't want you to have replace lost items.

Play equipment

May I remind parent's that children are not allowed on the play equipment before and after school. This is a Health and Safety directive as it must be supervised by trained staff. All equipment is being reopened for the children so they will be getting lots of opportunities to play on it throughout the school day.

Parents Evening

Parents afternoon/evening will be taking place on October 11th. Appointments will be made through the ARBOR system. Once they are set up and available to book we will let you know.

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. If children currently have black trousers or skirts they can still be worn. We ask that when new uniform is purchased that all skirts, shorts and trousers are grey. 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!

Thank you very much to the parents who have rang the school offering to help with our football team. More information will follow on this exciting development.

We are also needed volunteers who would be willing to support us as an extra pair of hands on our school trips. If you'd be happy to put your name forward and undertake a DBS application (school can support with this and will pay any associated fees) we would be very happy to hear from you. We want to give all the children as many experiences and with your support we can do it! If interested please contact the school office!

COMING SOON! – Watch this space!

A new development that is coming to St Joseph's will be a mother and toddler group. If you have any good quality toys or books that you are willing to donate to the school so we can use ready for our launch next term they would be greatly appreciated. More details to follow.

The school is also looking to set up a second hand uniform, fancy dress and Christmas jumper bank. This is something that is not only important due to the cost of living crisis but also for environmental reasons for our planet. More information to follow soon!

EVENT REMINDERS – *NEWLY ADDED EVENTS IN RED*

Date	Class	Event
Tuesday 3rd October 2023	Year 3, 4, 5, and 6	School mass – 11am St Joseph's Catholic Church. — CANCELLED
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.
Wednesday 18 th October 2023	Year 5	Educational Trip - Beamish
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 5th January 2023 Whole school – End of term. <i>Monday 8th January – INSET Day</i> <i>All children return on Tuesday 9th January 2024</i>		





