

## YOUR NEWSLETTER

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School  
Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2014

*A loving Christian family striving to achieve excellence.*

Dear Parents,

During the month of January we have been filling our donation boxes for the Knowsley Foodbank. Thankyou very much for the kindness you have shown by donating so much. Even though our month has come to an end you can still bring donations into school throughout the year and put them in the box in the foyer.

### Artists at St Joseph's

Some children's work from our Year 2 class has been selected to be entered into an Art competition at Hope University, the lucky winners work will be displayed in a special exhibition at the University, the children and their families will be able to view the artwork until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.



In addition our Year 6 class will be visited by an artist on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February which is part of a Kirkby Art project.

### Parents Meetings

Thankyou for the responses in relation to the changes to the Parents meetings. The responses were all positive and supported an afternoon/evening session. Therefore the Parents Meetings will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, a letter containing more details and the chance to select a time slot will be sent out next week.

### Mums and Toddlers Group

The Mums and Toddlers group meet Tuesday – Friday in school from 9:00 – 11:00. Please come along, new members always welcome.

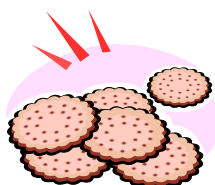


### Friends of St Joseph the Worker

If any parents would like to join the Friends in supporting the school in such a fantastic way the next meeting takes place in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm.

### Year 1 and 2 Biscuits

Year 1 & 2 can have biscuits at a cost of 50p per week. Please send the money in to your child's classteacher.



### Star Pupils

Every week I will spend a short time chatting with the group of star pupils and we will have tea and biscuits. If you haven't already done so, please complete the form below to indicate whether your child is allowed tea. If you do not wish them to have tea they will still be able to come for biscuits and a chat!

Our Star Pupils this week were:

R Lily  
Y1 Jaeden  
Y2 Ella  
Y3 Christa  
Y4 Jake  
Y5 Carlin  
Y6 Barnie



### Attendance & punctuality

Attendance last week was won by Year 2 in the Infants and Year 5 in the Juniors. This is the second week on the run for these two classes! **Unfortunately all of our other classes were below our target of 95% and there were no classes last week with 0 lates, hopefully next week we will see an improvement in this and have some classes awarded with toast on Tuesday.**



### Fair-trade Fortnight

From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating Fair-trade fortnight and this year it's all about the Banana!

Here are some of the events across the borough, that we could get involved in:

**Enter Merseyside's Fairtrade Bake Off** – just come up with a really great recipe for a Fairtrade cake, bake it and enter your cake and recipe for a chance to win a prize (cakes and recipes must be ready for collection by 3pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March).

**Attend the Merseyside Celebration** – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 12-3pm, Liverpool Town Hall.

**In school we will be having a visit from Mrs Banana** to deliver some workshops.

More information will be sent out nearer to the date.



### Year 1 Class Assembly

Our Year 1 Class Assembly **Special People** takes place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am. Parents are very welcome to attend and stay for a cup of tea afterwards.



### Knowsley – a place to be yourself

Knowsley has launched an anti-bullying campaign in all schools across the borough.

It's important our children are confident to speak out against bullying, which can be verbal, physical or cyber-bullying. The campaign is part of Knowsley's Anti-Bullying Strategy, which sets out how the borough is a safe place for our children and young people, achieved through joint working with the council, partners and the community. More information can be accessed through Mrs Meadows or Mrs Yates.

4 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Vision Tests
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Class Assembly 9:30am
10 <sup>th</sup> February	LFC Football tournament (information to be sent out)
11 <sup>th</sup> February	School Photographs
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Handwashing workshop
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish for half term break
24 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Fair Trade Fortnight
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Art Exhibition
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Friends of St Joseph the Worker Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Class Assembly

*Mrs J. Ryan*

## TERM DATES FOR 2014 - 2015

### Autumn Term 2014

Wednesday 3 September (school opens) - Friday 19 December (school closes)

**Half Term** Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October (inclusive)

### Spring Term 2015

Monday 5 January 2015 (school opens) - Thursday 2 April (school closes)

**Half Term** Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February (inclusive)

### Summer Term 2015

Monday 20 April (school opens) - Tuesday 21 July (school closes)

**Half Term** Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May (inclusive)

Spring Bank Holiday Monday 4 May 2015 - school closed

Plus Staff Training Days

Monday 1 September ) Staff  
Tuesday 2 September ) only  
Friday 26 September )

Plus 2 Staff Training Day still to be decided from within these dates

**NB.** Any pupils taking holidays in term time, except in exceptional circumstances will be unauthorised and referred to the Local Authority Attendance Service.

