

YOUR NEWSLETTER

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School
Friday 3rd February, 2017

A loving Christian family striving to achieve excellence.

Dear Parents,

What a fabulous Special People Assembly that Y1 shared with us all today. We were so proud of the children and they gave us all a really special message to take away. Thank you for all of the lovely comments about your special little people and thank you to the team of staff led by Mrs Sisk who prepared the children for the assembly.



Our only Happy Birthday messages this week are for staff! Happy Birthday to Mrs Risley, Mrs Westwood and Mrs Hudson!!!

The dinner choices next week are:

Week 2

Day	Selection
Monday	Homemade pizza and potato croquettes Jacket Potato or Soup & Sandwich
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognaise and garlic bread Jacket Potato or Soup & Sandwich
Wednesday	Chicken curry and rice Jacket Potato or Soup & Sandwich
Thursday	Roast Pork dinner Jacket Potato or Soup & Sandwich
Friday	Fishfingers, chips & beans Jacket Potato or Soup & Sandwich

500 Words Competition

There are lots of reasons for kids to enter 500 Words. There's only one rule with 500 Words - which is the word limit. We want to see creativity and raw imagination. There are loads of resources on the 'Learn' section of the 500 words website to inspire ideas.

If your child wants to enter a story send it into school by Friday 10th February and we will enter them for this fantastic competition.

Attendance & punctuality

From the week beginning 16th January

Our grades are:

Red Below 90%
Amber 90% - 92.4%
Yellow 92.5% - 95.9%
Green 96%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	Compared to last week
Nursery am	87% Red	↑
Nursery pm	86% Red	↑
Rec	93% Yellow	↑
Y1	82% Red	↓
Y2	90% Amber	↑
Y3	96% Green	↓
Y4	97% Green	↑
Y5	95% Yellow	↑
Y6W	97% Green	↑
Y6B	91% Amber	↓
Whole school	92.5% Yellow	↑

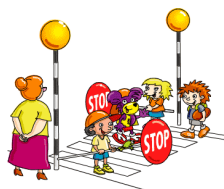
Mrs Meadows monitors our attendance daily and will make contact when children are absent. Please note we cannot authorise holidays within term time.

Our attendance has really declined recently due to genuine bouts of illness with our younger children - we have started to see an increase this week and hopefully the viruses have now moved on!

Next week is Parents evening and your child's classteacher will talk to you about your child's attendance, on a positive note we still have 40 children with 100%!

Valley Road/Bewley Drive

We have been advised that funding has been secured from the Local Enterprise Partnership to improve pedestrian and cyclists movements across Valley Road.



The scheme will consist of creating a new fully signalised junction incorporating two new pedestrian crossings, which will be provided at the junction between Valley Road and Bewley Drive. The signalised junction with crossing facilities will provide a safer place for pedestrians and cyclists to cross Valley Road and enable them to access the existing cycleway/footway adjacent to the southbound (towards to M57) carriageway.

This signalised crossing site has been identified following a traffic and pedestrian survey being undertaken, which revealed that there were a high number of pedestrians crossing at this location. This crossing will provide a safer place for pedestrians to cross a busy road and make public transport links more accessible. Furthermore by signalising the junction road safety will be improved, as it will allow vehicles to turn into and out of Bewley Drive without having to cross moving traffic.

The works are due to commence on Monday 6th February and will take 6 weeks to complete. During the works the school crossing patrol will be moved to the signalised crossing on Valley Road at its junction with Whitefield Drive. I appreciate that this may cause some disruption to pupils and their parents/guardians, however once the scheme has been completed it will improve road safety and make it easier and safer to cross a busy road.

Young Voices Concert

Once again the children and staff had a wonderful time at Young Voices. The behaviour was exemplary and I am surprised they have any voices left after singing and dancing the night away! Thank you to the staff involved for ensuring the children were well cared for and returned to school safely despite delays on the motorway.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
6 th February	10am Reception visit to the Nick Sharratt exhibition at Kirkby Gallery
6 th February	1:30pm Year 1 visit to the Nick Sharratt exhibition at Kirkby Gallery
7 th February	Class Photos
8 th February	Year 5 and Year 6 Keeping Safe in the Community talk
8 th February	10am Year 3 visit to the Nick Sharratt exhibition at Kirkby Gallery
8 th February	PARENTS EVENING - whole school
9 th February	10am Year 4 visit to the Nick Sharratt exhibition at Kirkby Gallery
9 th February	Dental Health for Reception
10 th February	10am Year 2 visit to the Nick Sharratt exhibition at Kirkby Gallery
10 th February	Break up for half term holiday
21 st February	10am Year 5 visit to the Nick Sharratt exhibition at Kirkby Gallery
21 st February	Big Sing at All Saints

Mrs Ryan

