



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th February, 2023

'A loving Christian family, striving to achieve excellence'

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to congratulate Miss Lopez who has been appointed as our new Deputy headteacher. Miss Lopez went through a rigorous interview process with governors and our wonderful school council who decided she would be a perfect fit for the role! Miss Lopez will remain as SENDCO as this is a role that she really enjoys and has vast expertise in. I wish her the best of luck for her new role in St Joseph's. I am also pleased to announce that Miss Short will remain the Year 1 class teacher until the end of the summer term, Year 1 are doing brilliantly under her teaching, they are making so much progress, particularly in phonics that I am delighted she is continuing in our school community.



A Big Happy Birthday this month to.....

Tyrion from Year 1 who is 6, 😊 James from Year 2 who is 7, 😊 Mykhailo, Ellis & Archie from Year 3 who are 8, Lexie from Year 4 who is 9, and Bella from Y6 who is 11 😊

Next Weeks Lunches 13th February

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday
Bacon or Sausage Barm and chips	Choice 1: All Day Breakfast	Choice 1: Pizza, Crisps and Beans	Choice 1: Roast Pork Dinner	Choice 1: Fish Fillet, Chips and Beans
Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato
Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich
Dessert: Brownie	Dessert: Muffin	Dessert: Chocolate Mousse	Dessert: Jelly & Fruit	Dessert: Sponge and Custard

Breakfast / After School Club

There is a Breakfast Club from 8.00am each morning. This club is available for pupils from Reception – Year 6 and must be booked in advance. We are also providing an After School Provision 3.00-5.00pm, £6.00 per session Monday to Wednesday, if the club becomes popular and there is need we will consider extending the provision.

Reception and KS1 Snack

This is a reminder that snack money of £1 for KS1 and Reception needs to be paid weekly, thank you for your support.

Star Pupils

Our Star Pupils this week were:

- Y1 Jude
- Y2 Elsie
- Y3 Rosco
- Y4 Mia
- Y5 Mia
- Y6B Caleb
- Y6W Adam



Attendance & punctuality

For the Academic Year 2022 – 23

Let's look at our attendance during this week.

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

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	
Rec	90%	Amber
Y1	92%	Amber
Y2	93%	Yellow
Y3	95%	Yellow
Y4	95%	Yellow
Y5	97%	Green
Y6B	89%	Red
Y6W	84%	Red
Whole school	93%	Yellow

This has not been a good week for attendance with only Year 5 achieving our target! After half term we hope to see a big improvement on this with all of our classes achieving green!

We did have 75 children who received 100% attendance awards for the Spring 1 half term! Well done to these children. Interestingly in our Green class Year 5 this was more than half the class!

Applications for Primary places in Knowsley

The deadline for applying for a Reception Class place has now past but pupils applying to St Joseph the Worker or any other Catholic School must also complete a supplementary form available from the school office or admissions website (EVEN IF IT IS NOT YOUR FIRST CHOICE SCHOOL) if you wish your child to be considered under the faith criteria you must complete this form.

Key Stage 2 Swimming

Unfortunately, the Volair pool is closed for refurbishments during the time that our swimming sessions were booked in. Therefore, they have cancelled our sessions and no other local pool can offer alternative options. This is very disappointing for us, especially as our sessions were booked months in advance and are an important part of our school year. We are currently looking to provide another alternative later in the school year or looking at doubling our swimming offer in the next academic year. Year 6 swimming is not currently affected by this disruption.

Headlice

We have recently been informed about an outbreak of head lice in two classes. Please check your child's hair. If you are at all worried, please contact the school for our School Nurse details or, alternatively, your pharmacist or family doctor. Head lice are very good at moving from one host to another therefore it is important that long hair is tied up, this will reduce the spread of lice. Please encourage your child not to take their own / or their friends hair out of the bobble/plait that you put it in, this will stop the spread of lice. **We have added guidance and advice to app, please check your child's hair as it is essential all parents take responsibility for their own child to stop the spread!**

Curriculum Enrichment

KS2 Boccia

This week a group of our Year 6 pupils attended a Boccia festival at Altbridge School, they were commended for their excellent behaviour and participation – well done children!

Science Club

The Fun Science club has now completed its sessions, Mrs Wynne has arranged with 'Wacky Jackie' to access an additional club in the Summer term, as soon as we have dates we will inform parents.

Year 4 Recycling Centre visit

Year 4 had a great visit this week to the Mersey Recycling Discovery Centre, they took part in interactive activities and saw the journey of our waste through the recycling process.

Year 5 Finch Farm Tournament

A group of Year 5 footballers went to a tournament at the Everton training ground this week, they played amazingly well and won the majority of their matches. Their behaviour was excellent as always as ambassadors for our school.

Year 1 Local Area Walk

You may have spotted our lovely Year 1 class exploring the local area this week! They went for a walk to find out what type of houses there are and what other features they could find! They had a great time and felt like important investigators of geographical features!

School Uniform

We have noticed that some pupils are not wearing the correct school uniform particularly for PE, letters will be sent home with individual children who persistently come to school without the required school uniform/footwear, please see below for some important uniform reminders:

- Trainers or Converse are not classed as school shoes.
- Our PE kit is a white, gold or yellow t-shirt, (branded or plain) plain dark coloured leggings or joggers / shorts and pumps or trainers
- The children may continue to come into school in their PE kit on PE days.
- Only small stud earrings are permitted in school.
- Please do not allow your child to wear necklaces or bracelets.
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school other than in exceptional circumstances and then they must be locked in the office during the school day.

Governor Opportunity

Over the next half term, we will be recruiting new parent governors to join our Governing Body, if this is something you would be interested in please speak with Mrs Meadows in the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Friday 10 th February	Break up for half term
Tuesday 21 st February	Y6 Natural History Museum Workshop
Wednesday 22 nd February	Ash Wednesday
Monday 27 th February	Whole School Quiddich day
Tuesday 28 th February	Teachers strike day closure
Wednesday 1 st March	Y3 Author Visit Harry Heape
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day- character dress up day
Thursday 2 nd March	Kirkby Football League Match
Friday 3 rd March	Year 4 CLC day
Monday 6 th March	Hope not Hate Day
Tuesday 7 th March	KS2 Cross Country Race
Thursday 9 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly 9:15am
Thursday 9 th March	Year 4 Communion Meeting
Tuesday 14 th March	Royal Institute Science day
Tuesday 14 th March	Reception Eyesight screening
Tuesday 14 th March	6pm Family Science Show
Wednesday 15 th March	Teachers strike day closure
Thursday 16 th March	Teachers strike day closure
Thursday 16 th March	Kirkby Football League Match tbc
Monday 20 th March	Y2 SEN Reviews
Tuesday 21 st March	Y3 SEN Reviews
Tuesday 21 st March	Y4 Music Concert KHS
Wednesday 22 nd March	Y5 SEN Reviews
Thursday 23 rd March	Y6 SEN Reviews
Monday 27 th March	Global Learning Week
Monday 27 th March	Y4 SEN Reviews
Tuesday 28 th March	Y1 CLC Session
Friday 31 st March	LFC Crucial Crew Event
Tuesday 4 th April	Year 5 Class Assembly 9:15am
Tuesday 4 th April	Break up for Easter
Monday 17 th April	Return to school
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday

Mrs J. Ryan

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