

7th January 2021

WELCOME BACK

Head Teachers Message

I am delighted to be able to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of St Joseph's. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Broad.

Previously, I was Deputy Headteacher at another local Catholic school. Being a mum of two children, I am very much aware of the responsibility that the staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. St Joseph's have a hugely committed team and wonderful children, which of course, is a great place for any new head to start!

The needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. I think it is crucial to involve the children and their families as partners in their education. I am also keen on building a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school.

You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school family. Please do come up and introduce yourselves outside school – I will attempt to be at the gate before and after school each day. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Wilkins-Campbell



Special Announcements

You may already suspect, however, we are now pleased to officially announce the exciting news that Mrs Waring and Mrs Marriott are both expecting a baby in the very near future. Please share our excitement and congratulations for both of these wonderful members of our school community who will be missed by all when they take their maternity leave.

Mrs Willers has returned this term as a full time teacher in Year 4, to cover the period of Mrs Waring's Maternity leave.

We are currently in the final stages of recruiting a full time teacher for Year 5 and hope that we will be able to announce further details of this appointment shortly. Next week we welcome back Mrs Henderson who will be returning to work with Year 5 and with Mrs Hendley still working in school, the children will continue to receive support from a familiar face.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultation meetings will take place via Teams at the end of February, please keep a look out on ParentMail for further information. Mrs Marriott will be holding Year 5 consultations next week, parents of children in Year 5 should have already received a link to book appointments, please speak to the office if you experience any issues.



Year 6 Dare Graduation

Our Year 6 children all took part in several sessions prior to the Christmas Break with Dare Office Mr Gurney, to engage in the Drugs, Alcohol and Resistance Education Programme.

Today all pupils (including those unable to take part in the assembly) have graduated from the programme and we would like to congratulate all of them for their commitment to the programme. Well Done Year 6!



Covid Updates

With the increasing numbers of Covid cases and the new Omicron variant we are continually monitoring the latest government guidance and making the necessary adjustments to play our part in keeping everyone safe.



To keep our staff, pupils, parents and visitors as safe as possible, the following measures are currently in place and we ask for your support with these;

- Staff will be asked to wear face coverings in communal places around the school.
- No Visitors are to come into school unless for Essential Visits i.e. Health Visitors and all visitors to our school will be asked to wear face coverings. Unfortunately, this means that we will not be able to invite Parents or Carers in for any performances, assemblies or sporting activities (to be reviewed at the end of January).
- Parents are asked to wear face coverings when dropping off in the mornings and picking up at the end of the day.

As a community we will do our best to support any families who find themselves struggling with guidance and the law. Please use the following link to find out further information or speak to a member of the school staff if you are unsure of anything, and we will try to point you in the right direction if we are unable to support directly.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Please, if your child has any symptoms of Covid, get them tested through a PCR and keep them off school until you receive a negative result. This request has also been made to all staff.



The Deep (Years 2, 3 & 4) – 2nd – 3rd March 2022 – Total Cost £60

The Deep set a minimum number of pupils attending the trip. If we do not meet the minimum number, unfortunately, the visit will be cancelled. If you would like your child to attending this visit, we are currently asking for a deposit of £15.00 to be paid to secure a place for your child. The remaining amount can be paid in instalments up until the end of February.

Bikeability

Next Tuesday Year 3 children will be taking part in Bikeability sessions with VIA East Midlands. We have limited spaces available, if you have not yet returned the signed form consenting for your child to be involved please do so as soon as possible. Spaces are allocated on first come first serve basis we only have a couple left available.



Year 6 Residential to Cefn Lea - Wales

We are finally able to confirm that our Year 6 pupil residential will be taking place in June 2022. We currently have two provisional dates and we are awaiting final confirmation, which we will advise ASAP, however it will be either Week Commencing 13th or 20th June for 5 days.

The expected cost will be approximately £200. Next week we will be asking parents to pay a deposit of £30.00 through ParentMail to confirm your child's place.

Key Dates

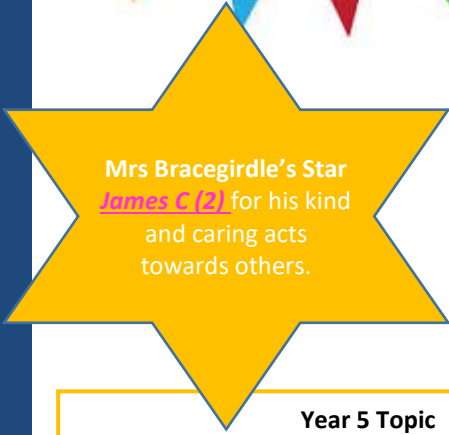
Below are reminders of those key dates for the next few weeks with any new dates or any amended dates reflected.

- 11th January** – Year 3 Bikeability – Limited spaces still available
- 11th and 12th January** – Year 5 Parent Consultation Meetings (Telephone Appts)
- 14th January** – Years 2 and 6 Mass in School
- 18th January** – Individual and Sibling School Photos
- 18th January** – St Joseph's v ForestView – Friendly Football Fixture (No spectators)
- 21st January** – Years 1 and 5 Mass in School
- 28th January** – Years 3 and 4 Mass in School
- 4th February** – Years F2, 2 and 6 Mass in School
- 8th February** – Internet Safety Day
- 11th February** – Inset Day (**SCHOOL CLOSED**) – Wrap Around Holiday Club Available
- 14th – 18th February** - Half Term (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)





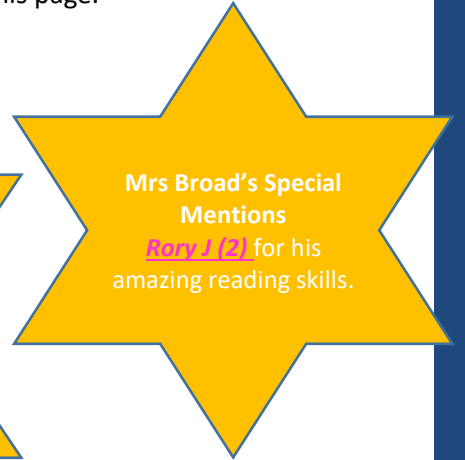
Congratulations to all of our pupils who have made our celebration page this week. If there is anything you think your child deserves a special mention for, for the things they do outside of school please email office@st-joseph-pri.notts.sch as we would love to include them on this page.



Mrs Bracegirdle's Star
James C (2) for his kind and caring acts towards others.



Midday Supervisor Stars
Well Done to all of **Year 4** who have made a fabulous start to the New Year with their behavior and manners at lunch time.
Noah F (F1) for his manners and being helpful.



Mrs Broad's Special Mentions
Rory J (2) for his amazing reading skills.

Year 5 Topic

Our Year 5 children have had a wonderful start to the New Year, learning about Hieroglyphics. The children have enjoyed learning our to write their own names v



Wrap Around Care

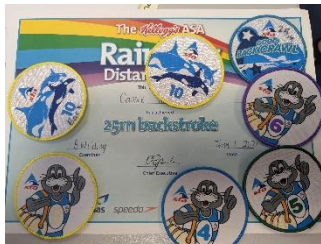
Children had a wonderful time at our Inset Holiday Club on Tuesday, playing with their bikes and scooters, safari play, painting pottery and making chocolate crispy cakes.

Our next inset day is Friday 11th February and we have lots more fun activities planned. Bookings are available to be confirmed on ParentMail.



Outside Achievements

A big well done to **Cassie P (1)** who has been achieving lots of awards from her swimming lessons. Congratulations Cassie!



This term our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs will be celebrating Chinese New Year and Valentines Day.

Again bookings for all Wrap Around Care can be made through ParentMail



Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 who receive the achievement for the highest attendance for last week of term before Christmas, Well Done!!!



Year 6

F1	87.4%
F2	90.4%
C1	87.0%
C2	87.8%
C3	94.0%
C4	91.7%
C5	95.2%
C6	95.5%
Overall	91.3%

Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

F1	Leo W
F2	Henry G
C1	Holly-Marie F
C2	Lieu H
C3	Iyla G
C4	David C
C5	Neve L
C6	Lucy G

