

15th October 2021

What a wonderful end to the first half term our children have had. Lots of fun and special activities have taken place across school, it's been lovely to see all the children enjoying themselves.

School closes today for the October Half Term break and we return on Monday 1st November – We hope that you all have a lovely well deserved break, and enjoy some autumnal activities.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Richardson



Mrs Richardson has been an asset to our school and has helped so many of our children. As well as supporting us with our Maths and English, Mrs Richardson has always

shared with usher wonderful artistic skills. We have been very lucky to learn so much from her and her kind words have helped us all. From all of the children and staff of St Joseph's, both past and present, we offer her a huge thank you to who is pursuing a new adventure. Over the course of many years, she has been a friend, a support, a warm smile and a crucial member of the St Joseph's family. Mrs Richardson – you do not know how much will you be missed! We wish you all the best on the next step of your journey and thank you for all that you have given to the community of St Joseph's.



Foundation Classed - Friday 5th November 2pm – 4pm

On Friday, 5th November, we will be holding an open day for parents who are currently applying for their child's place in Nursery or Reception classes. If you have a child due to turn 3 or 4 between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 please come along with your child so see what we have to offer. Please pass this invite on to any friends or family who have children within in this age group, everyone wishing to consider St Joseph's for a place for their child are welcome to attend. No booking necessary

100% Attendance



Unfortunately, due to a delay in the prizes arriving, we have not been able to undertake the draw For the attendance awards for this term. Our apologies, for this, we have looked at the attendance records and all children eligible to be included have had their names added to the list for the draw, which will now take place during the first week back.



Harvest Festival Thank You

Thank you to all the families who donated towards our Harvest Festival Hampers – our Chaplaincy Team enjoyed visiting local residents and Broadleaves to deliver the hampers. The residents receiving the gifts were extremely delighted and appreciated us thinking of them

Forest School Requests – Conkers, Acorns and Pine Cones Needed

Children attending Forest School had a lovely morning, filling banana's with chocolate and marshmallows and then baking these on the fire pit.

If you are out and about over the half term break, Mrs Jordan would appreciate if children could take part in a hunt for Conkers, Acorns and Pine Cones, which she can use in Forest School Activities next term



Below are reminders of those key dates for the next few weeks with any new dates or any amended dates reflected. **Monday 1**st **November** – School reopens for all children

Friday 5th November – Year 1 and 5 Mass in school – Parish Community and Parents of these year groups are welcome to attend.

Friday 5th November – Foundation Open Day for prospective parents.

8th **November – 12**th **November –** Either Mrs Chambers or Mrs Broad will be on hand to support parents with difficulties with ParentMail and Marvellous Me. Please drop into the school office and ask for help.



IEWSLETT



Selected pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have had a fantastic time taking part on a Cross Country Competition at the Dukeries Complex today. All children were enthusiastic and did very well in their group competitions -

Jack W (3) Finishing 5th and Enola D (4) Finishing 3rd in their year 3-4 competitions.

Maise W (5) finished 12th, Antoni P(5) finished 12th and Harry M (6) finished 6th in their year 5-6 competitions. The Year 5-6 event was a qualifying event for the district competition, for which Maisie, Antoni and Harry have all been selected as representatives.

Year 3 Creswell Crags

Well done to Year 3 who were commended by the staff at Creswell Crags this week for their behavior whilst on the visit. All the children had a wonderful time.

Attendance

F1 F2 **C1** C2 **C3** C4 C5

C6

Overall

Congratulations to Year 1 who receive the achievement for the highest attendance last week! Well Done!!!



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Year 1

Further events are being planned please keep a look out for details of these and how to book a place for your child.

Foundation 2

Children in our Foundation 2 class have had an exciting week, with a dress up day on Monday and Bike Ability on Thursday.

They have all had a fabulous time.

Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

F1	Miles B
F2	Joey D-H
C1	Alexander R
C2	Martynas S
C3	Narla-May D
C4	Noah P-C
C5	Harvey S
C6	William-Jaymes B

