

17th September 2021



Church Visit

This morning all children from Year 1 to Year 6 visited our church in New Ollerton to celebrate our first Mass with Father Michael, the new parish priest. The children were all very well behaved and sang beautifully. Well done to Year 5 who organised all the readings. We will start having school mass everyweek with different classes every Friday at 10am (starting on 1st October) all the community is welcome, to join us in school for this.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

This afternoon, all children have been out on the field for a small disco to celebrate Mrs Whitton. Today is Mrs Whitton's last day at St Joseph's. After two wonderful years, supporting our children, she is leaving to take on a new adventure at the Dukeries Academy. Mrs Whitton will be greatly missed by all that staff and children, and we would like you to join us in saying a big **"THANK YOU"** to Mrs Whitton for everything she has done with and for us, she will be greatly missed. Good Luck Mrs Whitton, we know you will be amazing!!!



P.E. Kits

With the weather changing, we would like to ask that parents send children with P.E. Kits that are suitable for outdoor lessons, regardless of the weather. If the PE lesson involves an outdoor sport, it will be the case that the lessons will take place on the school yard or field. Therefore, please ensure that children have plain black or navy jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt that they can wear, with trainers suitable for outdoors. Please note that PE kit should be plain with no large slogans or logos.

Crossing Patrol/Safety on Main Road

Unfortunately, Via East Midlands have received no interest in the role of School Crossing Patrol Officer outside of school. We are sure that you all feel the same about the safety of our community outside of school, and would appreciate if you could share the details with any family and friends who could help. To find out further information, you can use the link below, or contact Via on 0115 9774373, or by email: road.safety@viaem.co.uk <https://www.viaem.co.uk/job/school-crossing-patrol>



Bearing this in mind can we ask that all road users take extra care when travelling to and from school? Reports have been made about dangerous parking, blocking residents' drives, unsafe crossing methods and small bumps and accidents. We are aware that local councils are monitoring the situation, with the potential for enforcement teams to issue penalty notices.



School Photos

Next Friday, 24th September 2021, the school photographers, will be in school to take children's individual and sibling portraits. Individual portraits will be taken during the course of the school day. If you have any children who are not of primary school age, who you would like including in a sibling portrait, please come to the school office between 8am and 8.40am so that these can be taken. Please note if all siblings are in school, these will be taken throughout the school day.

Covid

We're receiving messages of concern from parents seeking further advice with regards to the current guidelines relating to the local situation surrounding Covid-19. We would like to reassure all parents that we are doing our best to ensure that the St Joseph's community remains as safe as possible. In terms of test and trace and informing parents with regards to the situation in school, we are following guidelines given and communicating with the DFE and Test and Trace as and when necessary. Unfortunately, we are in a difficult situation this time, as we are no longer able to carry out test and trace ourselves. The requirement now, is that the person who has tested positive for Covid (or their responsible adult) must inform test and trace themselves and provide full contact details of who they have been in contact with, including school. Test and Trace will then contact us, if we need to take action or inform parents. As we have had no contact from Test and Trace we have sought further advice and what they have stated is that schools are exempt from Test and Trace due the guidelines stating that anyone under the age of 18years and 6months, do not need to isolate, even if they live within a household with a positive case. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of staff so we can discuss further any individual issues and concerns.



House Teams

All children have been allocated a house team. As our houses celebrate the UK Saints, we will be holding celebration days throughout the year for these. On the day of the patron saint, children within the house, are welcome to come into school wearing accessories or something in their Saints colour alongside their uniform – St Andrew, Blue – St David, Yellow - St Patrick, Green – St George, Red (see class teacher if you are unsure of what team your child is in).





Congratulations to all of our pupils who have made our Celebration page this week.

Reminder: If any children received awards or badges outside of school, please email the school office, along with photo's if possible as we would also like to celebrate these with the community. Along with any other message of celebration and thanks that



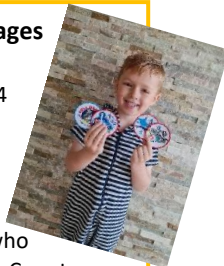
Mrs Bracegirdle's Special Mentions
Thank you **Riven B (C4)** and **Macorleigh P (C5)** for your help and support at lunchtime is phenomenal!

Mrs Broad's Special Mentions
Alfie B (C6)
Who showed great kindness and support with the younger children both on the way to church and during mass this morning.

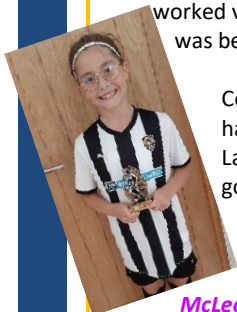
Midday Supervisor Stars
Thank you to **Jayden-Lee and all the year 1 pupils and Maisy W (C5)** Jayden for his kind play behaviour and all Year 1 have been fab this week with their creative nature play. Maisy for being very kind and helpful in the KS2 yard

Outside Achievements and Messages

Well Done to **Oliver H (C1)** who was awarded 4 badges at swimming this week. Oliver has worked very hard to get back to where he was before lockdown.



Congratulations to **Maisy W (C5)** who has the honour of playing for Notts County Ladies FC. Last weekend Maisy scored her 1st goal of theseason and got girl of the game.



I would like to say huge thank you to **Miss McLeod (C3)**. We have celebrated gold star for Marius reading. He was so excited and happy about this achievement and got huge encouraging to improve even more.

Wrap Around Care Notices and Celebrations

Our Breakfast Club staff have been extremely pleased with the way which the children have been working together this week. This week has been games week, and it is has been wonderful seeing the children playing together, sharing, being kind and making and developing friendships.



Children attending afterschool club have been enjoying the lovely sunshine in the evening, playing nicely in the Forest School and Nurture areas, and helping staff to plan for their Autumn and Halloween activities for next month!



Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 who achieved the highest attendance last week!
Well Done!!!



Year 6

F1	97.7
F2	84.3
C1	94.6
C2	97.3
C3	96.1
C4	88.3
C5	95.0
C6	99.1
Overall	93.7

Year 2 Celebration

Mrs Jackson, would like to celebrate **Lola P-M** who has put in some outstanding effort to produce a fantastic piece of homework



Commendations

Congratulations to our children who have been recommended for Commendation!

F1	Rosie H
F2	Noah B
C1	Maria J
C2	Freddie P
C3	Miley M
C4	Riven B
C5	Alfie-Junior H
C6	Harry M

