



# St Joseph's Nursery and Infant School School News



St Joseph's Junior School Newsletter  
Issue 6 – February 2023

## MESSAGE FROM MRS HARDY

Dear Parents and Carers

We are already nearly at the end of another busy half term. As we look forward to the holiday, we remember some of the exciting things that have happened at St Joseph's infant this term last half term. Some of our year 2 pupils went along to a tag rugby tournament this week, which I know they thoroughly enjoyed. The school was full of super heroes on Wednesday, and Starling class had 2 nurses visit to talk about their job. We suddenly have children wanting to be nurses. Thank-you to that ladies that came along to Starling class.

We continue to welcome new families join our school this term. Welcome to all of you. Please do get in touch with me or a member of the staff team if there is anything we can help with.

We are going to be phasing out our class email system and all emails will be sent via our main school information system. This will ensure that every parent in the class will receive emails that the class teacher sends. We have found the current system a little unreliable, and I am aware that some emails are not reaching all parents. My apologies for this.

I do wish you all a happy half term break.

Kind regards

Mrs Hardy

Executive Headteacher

## EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Just to remind you that half term is next week (Mon 13<sup>th</sup> February), and there will not be an inset day when we return on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Attendance!

At St Joseph's CE Junior School we take attendance and punctuality very seriously. We aim to have an attendance figure in excess of the national average of 96.7%. Attendance data is tracked by the Department for Education. Our current attendance percentage is 92.7% and we **MUST** improve on this figure.

We categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green.

**GREEN** - 100%. Excellent attendance above the national expected average, ideally where all children should aim to be.

**AMBER** - 96.7% or above. Good attendance - in line with or above national expected average.

**RED** - below 96.7%. Attendance below expected level. We will monitor the child's attendance and if we do not see an improvement we will contact you by letter.

A copy of your child's attendance record is available, on request, from the school office and a copy will be provided with your child's annual report in the Summer term.

### Regular Attendance means Punctual Attendance

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day.

- ◇ Gates open at 8.25am
- ◇ Classroom doors open at 8.30am
- ◇ Gates close at 8.40am

### The Legal Stuff

School attendance is important because the law requires it. As a parent you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full-time education. This means registering your child at school and making sure they attend regularly.

### Parking

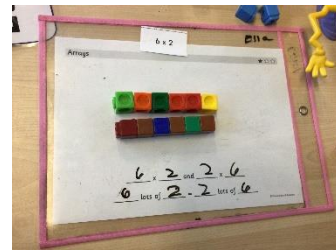
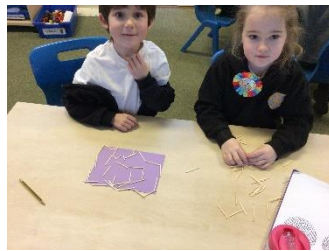
We have had an increased presence from traffic wardens at school drop off and pick up times. Please ensure that you follow the guidance on parking. Parking permits for families for Northgate Car Park are available from the school office.

## Reminders

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half term
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Friends meeting
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	World book day
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Class photos

## NUMBER DAY

Last week the school took part in number day. Staff and students dressed up in number themed clothes and took part in various number-based activities and games. This provided a great opportunity to make maths fun, while also raising money to support NSPCC.



## SUPERHERO DAY

This week we celebrated superhero day. As well as dressing up and having lots of fun, we also invited some real life superheroes to come in and talk about the work they do.



## FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

Friends of St Joseph's are looking to start a uniform shed, so that old uniform items can be passed on and reused. If you have any uniform that no longer fits and would like to pass this on, please bring it to the school office.

There is a meeting at the end of the month, and we would love to welcome new faces. If you have the time and would like to support the school in fund raising please come along.

**Meeting: Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
February, 3.30pm at the  
Infants School.**



Friends of St Joseph's are currently planning our school summer fayre. If you would like to get involved, please email [friends@stjosephscejunior.school](mailto:friends@stjosephscejunior.school)

## STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>
<b>Robin class</b>	Rafi Vienna	Yazan Heidi
<b>Starling class</b>	Tymon Miley	Jorgia
<b>Dove class</b>	Sayuni Ava-Mai	Samaa Arianna
<b>Sparrow class</b>	Alex Amber	Xander Eliza

Well done to those pupils who have been recognised by their teachers in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Please remember lateness will be counted as unauthorised absence which can lead to a fixed penalty notice.

## HERO

Here Everyday Ready On time.



In our weekly assemblies we encourage all the pupils to be an attendance HERO. **H**ere **E**veryday **R**eady **O**n time. Attendance is mandatory and Government guidance states that “it is a parent’s duty to ensure their child regularly attends school.” The school and local authorities have the ability to issue sanctions including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

Our school day starts at 8.45am, it is important that your child be here for the start of the school day.

## CLUBS

<b>Monday</b>	Ballet and Tap Club	Dance & Beyond	2-6		3.15pm – 4.15pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Multi skills	Mr Wood	R, Y1, Y2	3 available	3.15pm – 4pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Science	Miss Tang	R, Y1, Y2	FULL Waiting list	3.15pm – 4pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Board games	Mrs Hardy	Y1-6	FULL Waiting list	3.15pm- 4pm
<b>Friday</b>	Art	Mrs Turner	R, Y1, Y2	FULL Waiting list	3.15pm- 4pm
<b>Friday</b>	Street Dance	Hellcats	R,-6		3.15pm – 4.15pm

Spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis. Aside from the dance clubs, these are all funded by the school.

Dance club on a Monday can be booked via this link <https://danceandbeyond.com/trial-form/> and a Friday can be booked via this link <https://hellcats-cheerleaders.class4kids.co.uk/info/6805>

To register your child for Multi Skills, or to be added to the waiting list for any of the other clubs, please email the school office: [office@stjosephsinfant.school](mailto:office@stjosephsinfant.school), you will receive an email confirming if your child has a place.

## TERM DATES

### School Year Dates 2022/2023

<b>Autumn Term 2022</b> Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>Half Term</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
<b>Christmas Holidays</b> Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023
<b>Spring Term</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
<b>Half Term</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>Easter Holidays</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Summer Term</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
<b>Half Term</b> Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023



**INSET DAYS:** Monday 17th April 23, Monday 5th June 23, Friday 21st July 23

**BANK HOLIDAYS:** Monday 1st May 23, Monday 8th May 23

***We would like to remind you that St Joseph's Infant School is a nut free school***