

Autumn Term 2022

25th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Liturgical Prayer

A huge well done to Year 6 who led the whole school in prayer last week. It was beautiful to see Reception class formally welcomed into School and linked with a buddy in Year 6. We pray that the light they were given shines on them every day.

This week's Wednesday word is Advent. Advent is a time to start preparing for Christmas. It is time of hope and a time to think about the return of Jesus at the end of time. Let us all make a fresh start and draw closer to God.

Governors

The Bishop is looking to appoint more governors at St Joseph's. A requirement of this is that you are a practicing Catholic. Please speak to Miss Brown or our Co-Chairs, Miss Tercy Thomas or Mrs Lizzie Brooks, who both attend Sunday Mass in the parish, if you are interested.

Christmas Lunch Day and Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 15th December 2022

All children in Reception to Year 6 are invited to stay for Christmas lunch, which takes place on Thursday15th December. The menu is as follows:

Roast Turkey with Stuffing Balls Chipolata Sausages A selection of Winter Vegetables Roast potatoes and creamed potatoes Gravy

College Pudding & Custard
Selection of Christmas cakes and biscuits

Vegetarian Choice - Christmas vegetable loaf

If your child does <u>NOT</u> normally stay for school meals they should have already brought home a letter advising how they can have a Christmas lunch. If you have any queries or require another letter, please ask at the school office. Any pre-orders

should be made by **Friday 2nd December 2022**.

Children who already stay for school dinners will, of course, automatically receive their Christmas lunch.

Don't forget your Christmas Jumper!!!

Please Keep Children off the Grass

As the weather has been so wet recently, the grass has become very muddy. We would be grateful if you could keep your child(ren) off the grass whilst it is like this, as we are having a number of slips and trips as well as muddy clothes and shoes coming into school!

Attendance

Last week's attendance:

 Reception
 95.6%

 Class 1
 98.7%

 Class 2
 99.3%

 Class 3
 99.3%

 Class 4
 94.3%

 Class 5
 92%

 Class 6
 95.3%

Mini Vinnies

Thank you to everyone who has sent in toiletries for people in need. We are continuing to collect the items on the poster until Monday 12th December 2022. Please help if you can. Thank you.

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It would be very good if you could bring toiletries to school such as:



Meal Plans/Lunch Payments

Payments for school meals are to be made via ParentPay each Monday, in advance please. We do not allow debt balances. If you need any support in this respect, please contact school.

Should you wish for your child to change meal plans, you must give school notice, in writing.

Reminders

School Uniform

Our school uniform is important to us and a source of pride. It costs no more than other garments and is both a unifying factor and a source of pride in St Joseph's School. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life.

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform, including a tie for children in Year 1 – Year 6, and all items of uniform have your child's name on.

Every child also needs to have sandshoes to change into when they come into school.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, St Joseph's has always had a **no jewellery policy**; only watches are permitted to be worn. Any earrings, bracelets, rings etc. must be left at home. Any child wearing earrings will be asked to take them out or place plasters over them. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Car parking

Please help us by not using the turning circle as a car park – it is a **drop off only area**. Please use the church car park.

No Dogs on School Premises

Please note that we do not allow any dogs, except guide dogs on the school premises.

Bikes and Scooters

It has come to our attention that some of our pupils and parents/carers are riding/scooting on the school grounds. I would like to remind you that, for the wellbeing of our staff, pupils, parents and visitors please dismount and walk with your bike/scooter whilst on the school site.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Any concerns about safeguarding should be reported to our designated safeguarding lead, Miss Brown or the deputy designated safeguarding leads Mrs Toward, Mrs Forbister, Miss Forbister and Mrs Teasdale. Ask at the school office if you would like a paper copy of the safeguarding policy. All of our Safeguarding policies are available on our school website.

Weekend Mass Times

St. Joseph's Church: Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning 9:30 am

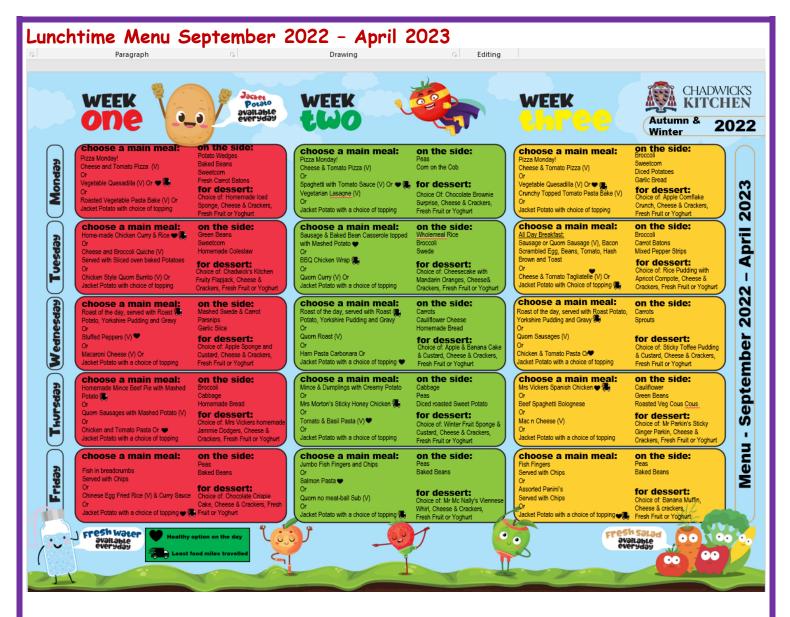
St. Patrick's Church Sunday 9.30am St. Anne & Holy Family Church Sunday 11.00am

Miss S M Brown

Headteacher



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Upcoming Events

December 2022

2nd December 12 x Year 1/2 children at St Anthony's for Keysteps Gymnastics (am)

6th December Year 5 at Hancock Museum

7th December Year 1/2 Mass in church at 9.30am

7th December 6 x Year 3 children at St Anthony's for Hockey (pm) 9th December 6 x Year 4 children at St Anthony's for Hockey (pm)

12th December Nursery Nativity Play 9.30am and 2.30pm

13th December Reception Nativity Play 2.30pm

14th December Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity Play 9.30am and 2.00pm

15th December Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day

16th December House Point Winners Film Afternoon 19th December Nursery Christmas Parties am and pm

20th December Reception Christmas Party pm

20th December
21st December
Whole School Mass in Church at 9.30am
Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party pm
Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party am
Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party pm

26th December – 6th January 2023 School Closed for Christmas Holidays

January 2023

9th January Children return to school

18th January – 20th January Year 4 Residential visit to Youth Village

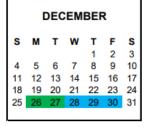
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