



Spring Term 2023

Friday 17th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

First Confessions

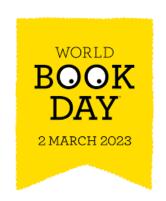
Beautiful First Confessions this week for Year 4 in preparation for their First Holy Communion. Thank

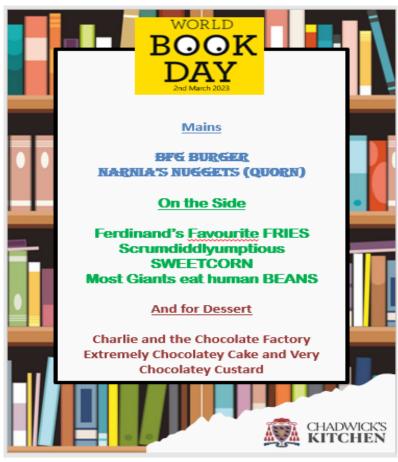


World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 2nd March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their own clothes.

We also have a special World Book Day Themed lunch – if your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like them to have a themed school lunch, please make your payment of £2.20 via ParentPay and let the office know so a meal can be ordered for your child. Children who already stay for school dinners will, of course, receive their 'World Book Day' themed lunch.





Car Parking

We have recently had a concern raised from a member of the community regarding parking on Rutland Street/Dene Street. This has been reported to Sunderland City Council and operatives will be patrolling the area and issuing fines if necessary.

As a school, we encourage responsible parking. Please help us. The church car park is available to park your car or we have a DROP OFF only at the turning circle.

After School Clubs

Information on the after-school clubs for next half term (Spring 2) is now on ParentPay. This includes violin, saxophone, clarinet, orchestra, drum, guitar and gymnastics. Please ensure any monies are paid by the due date to allow your child to continue with their tuition. Thank you.

The Connection Science Assembly and Workshops

On Thursday 16th March, a science assembly and workshop for children in Reception - Year 6, led by As Creatives, will be taking place in school. Designed specifically to tie in with "Connections", the theme for British Science Week 2023, The Connection places science, engineering and technology firmly in context by exploring the lives, achievements and legacies of individuals whose inventions and

discoveries have affected all our lives! A highly engaging, thought provoking and informative programme.

Visits and workshops enhance learning and the school is keen that all pupils are able to enjoy and learn from these.

There is a small contribution of £2.85 per child payable via ParentPay.

Please help us by giving your permission and making your payment. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated and allows us to continue to provide these special learning opportunities in the future. Thank you.

Attendance

Last week's attendance:

W/E 10.2.23



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, Mrs Graham 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

Mrs M Graham

Executive Headteacher

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Upcoming Events

February 2023

20th – 24th February School Closed for half term holidays

27th February School reopens to all children after half term break

March 2023

1st March 4 children from Year 2 attending a Maths Challenge at Our Lady of

the Rosary Catholic Primary School, Peterlee

2nd March World Book Day – Children can dress up or come in their normal clothes. A

Special Themed Lunch will take place today, too

2nd March School Nurse visiting Year 6 – Emotional Health and Well-being

8th March World Maths Day

9th March Brush Bus visit to Nursery (pm) 9th March *Year 6 visit to Safety Works

9th March *Year 5 Early Islamic Civilisation Drama Day

16th March *Science assembly and workshop for children in Reception – Year 6

17th March Y2 Teddy Bears Olympics at St Anthony's

22nd March 10 children from Year 5 Kwick cricket even at St Anthony's (pm)

24th March Y1 Teddy Bears Olympics at St Anthony's

27th March Y1 Walkwise Program (am)

April 2023

3rd - 14th April School closed for Easter break

17th April School reopens to all children after Easter break

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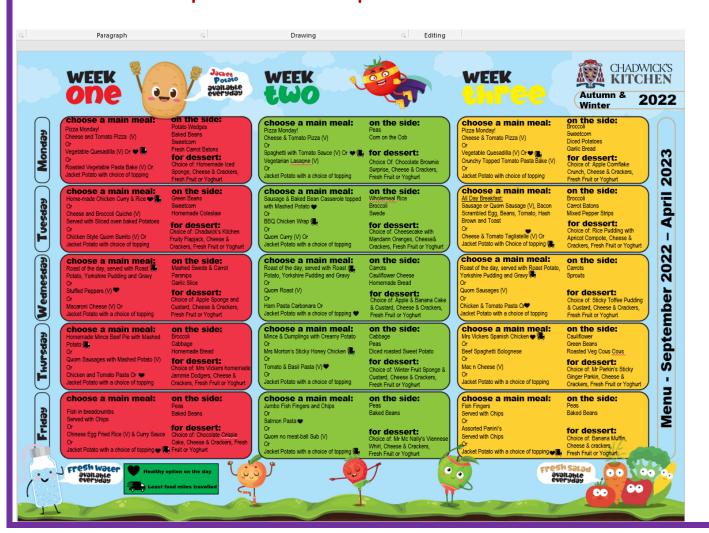
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Lunchtime Menu September 2022 - April 2023



Updated School term dates 2022/23

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