



Autumn Term 2021

25th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Gospel

This week's Wednesday word is Advent. Let us all try to use this season of Advent to be open to welcome Jesus, to make a fresh start and to be closer to God.

Year 5 Collective Worship

A huge thank you to Year 5 for leading Collective Worship last week. The children were so reverent and full of expression.

Covid-19

We continue to be ever vigilant and with rising case numbers we are unable to invite you into our Liturgical Prayers at the moment. We are sure this will only be for a short time. We will Live Tweet our Liturgical Prayer at this time and are very sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

Reading

Please ensure that your child has their Reading book and Reading Diary in school **every day**. Remember reading is the key to all aspects of learning. It develops your child's brain, provides a window into the world around them and helps them do better in all school subjects. Read every day with your child and note this in their reading diary.

Don't forget....

School is closed on tomorrow, Friday 26th November 2021, as we have an Inset Day.

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 9th December 2021

Ho Ho Ho. It's time to dust off those Christmas Jumpers and/or pop some tinsel in your hair – whatever you can manage to celebrate the festivities!

Please can we ask for £1 contribution per child. The money raised will go towards 'Hooks into Books' reading scheme with Seven Stories for all of our children from Nursery to Year 6.

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.

First Holy Communion Mass - Year 4

In preparation for your child's First Holy Communion, Father Louis would like your child to attend Mass at least once a month in Church at 9.30am. The dates are below:

Sunday 28th November
Sunday 12 th December
Sunday 16 th January
Sunday 27 th February
Sunday 20 th March
Sunday 3 rd April
Sunday 15 th May
Sunday 19 th June

Your child will sit as a school group at the front of Church where staff/governors from school will be present. It is very important that they learn to take full part in the Mass and this will be the perfect opportunity.

Attendance

Last week's attendance...

Reception	88.9
Year 1	91.2
Year 2	87.9
Year 3	92.6
Year 4	92.2
Year 5	91.1
Year 6	94.9

Spike went to Class 6 for the week ending 19th November 2021 with a good attendance of 94.9%.

Upcoming Events

November 2021

26th November	Inset Day	School Closed
28 th November		First Holy Communion Mass in Church at 9.30am
29 th November		Road Safety visiting Reception
30 th November		Advent Reflection sessions Year 3 – Year 6

December 2021

1 st December	Advent Reflection sessions Year 3 – Year 6
1 st December	Year 6 Mass in Church 9.15am
2 nd December	Year 6 visit to Hylton Castle
7 th December	Storyteller visiting school – Nursery – Year 6
8 th December	Year 5 Mass in Church at 9.15am
	Nursery Nativity Play 9.30am and 2.30pm
9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Lunch Day
	Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity Play 9.30am and 2.00pm
10 th December	Key Stage 1 at the Pantomime.... Oh no they aren't, Oh yes they are!
	Reception Nativity Play 2.30pm
12 th December	First Holy Communion Mass in Church at 9.30am
13 th December	Nursery Christmas Parties
14 th December	Reception Christmas Party Day
15 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party Day
	Year 6 Height and Weights
	Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) Carol Service in Church 2pm
16 th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Parties
17 th December	Christmas Sing-a-Long 9.30am (children only)
	School closes at 3.20pm for Christmas break

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

Please help us by returning any permission slips and monies as requested in trip letters. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Reminders

Earrings and jewellery

In the interests of health and safety, the Governors' policy is that **NO jewellery**, including earrings, rings or necklaces are to be worn to school. If you wish to have your child's ears pierced, the Governors advise that you arrange this to be done at the beginning of the summer holidays so that the wounds are healed in time to avoid the wearing of sleepers when the child returns to school.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is important to us and a source of pride. 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 your child is wearing their full school uniform **including a school tie for Years 1 – 6.**

Parents are requested to ensure that all articles of clothing are clearly marked with their child's name. This is important because children change for P.E. and games and items of clothing are easily mislaid.

Twitter

Please remember to join in our Twitter account if you have not already done so.

@StJosephsSR46HY 

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

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