



Summer Term 2022

1st July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Gospel

This week's Wednesday word is God's Kingdom. God loves all people the same and invites us all to share in his kingdom today. Let us all try and spread peace where ever we go and make life better for everyone. We can all think about what we say and the way we behave then we have tried to do what Jesus has asked.

First Holy Communion

The First Communion Mass for our Year 4 children was a beautiful celebration two weeks ago. Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare them for this special day but especially Miss Oliver and Mrs Swinhoe. Thank you also to Father Louis for celebrating the Mass. The children looked so beautiful: the girls in their white dresses and the boys in their white shirts and red ties. We continue to pray for the children.

Liturgical Prayer

Thank you to Year 4 for leading us in prayer last week and for Year 2 leading us today. You all sang beautifully and your liturgical dances were amazing as always.

Sports

We have recently been assessed in school for our sports and we are delighted to retain the Great Active Sunderland Schools Charter Gold Standard. Thank you to Mrs Mills for all of her hard work in leading in this area.

All children have been involved in activities related to Sports and Fitness during the last two weeks. They have had a lovely time and undertaken a variety of activities. Thank you to all parents that were able to attend our different Sports Days. It was lovely to be able to have you present again at these important events in the school calendar.

Swimming

A gentle reminder that swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum for Year 3 this term. Could you please ensure that children have the appropriate swimming kit on a Wednesday please.

Please note that Year 3 will not be swimming next Wednesday, 6th July. They will resume the following week on 13th July 2022.

Internet Safety

Please remember to keep a check on all internet sites that your children are using and make sure you keep them safe.

Safety in the Grounds

For everyone's safety and to preserve this feature for the next hundred years please ensure that your children do not climb on the commemoration wall near the main entrance to the school. This wall was built ten years ago with significant stones from the original St Joseph's school that we would like to preserve.

No Dogs on School Premises

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



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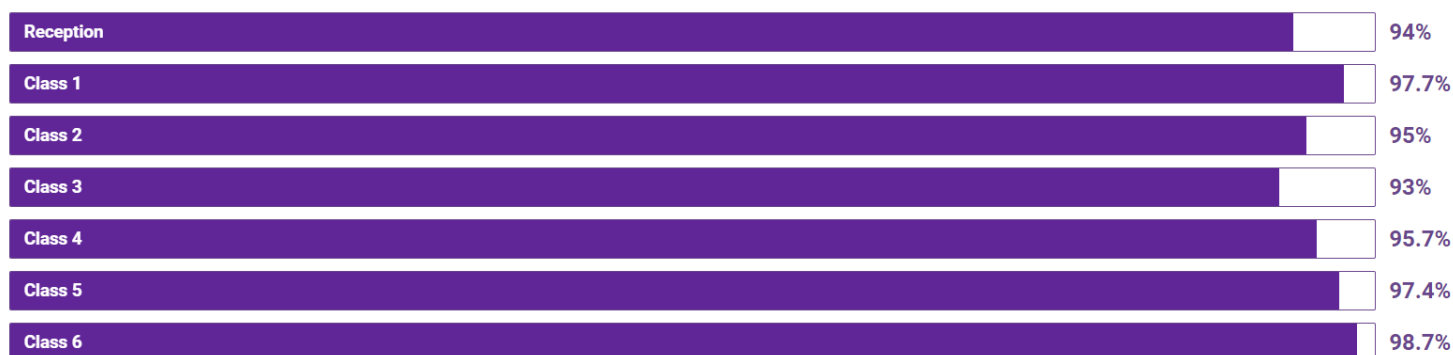
We are really happy to welcome parents back into school to our Liturgical Prayer. Please be aware that if you are showing any signs of COVID you should not enter the school building. We ask all visitors to still wear a mask.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, we have a no jewellery policy; only watches are permitted to be worn. Any earrings, bracelets, rings etc. must be left at home.

Attendance

Last week's attendance:



Punctuality

It is very important that your child is in school promptly for the start of the day. Please ensure they are here for 8.50am every morning so they do not miss any part of their lessons.

This is the result if your child arrives 5 minutes late each day:

- 5 days a week = 25 minutes lost learning time a week.
- 39 weeks a year = 16 hours and 15 minutes lost learning time a year.
- 7 years in our school = 113 hours and 45 minutes learning time lost.

That is a lot of time that is missed so please can everyone try to be here on time. This will:

- Get your child's day off to a good start so he/she can settle straight into the school day
- Sets positive patterns for the future
- Leads to good attendance
- Leads to better achievement
- Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable.

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.

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

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

Upcoming Events

July 2022

1 st July	Year 2 Liturgical Prayer in School at 9am
1 st July	Year 6 visit to Youth Village
4 th – 8 th July	Year 5 Bikeability
6 th July	Year 4 Mass in Church at 9.30am
8 th July	Year 4 RNLI Water Safety talk in school
12 th – 13 th July	12 x Choir members at Durham Cathedral 'Footsteps in Paradise'
14 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church at 11am
15 th July	School reports
19 th July	Summer Music Soiree 6pm in school
20 th July	Leavers Assembly and Presentation 9am
22 nd July	School closed for Jubilee Holiday

25th July School is closed for the Summer Holidays and reopens to the children on 7th September 2022.

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 giving your permission and making your payment via ParentPay. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Miss S M Brown
Headteacher



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