



Autumn Term 2022

7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### Liturgical Prayer

A big well done today to Year 4 for leading us in prayer. You really made us think about always saying thank you and all of the things we should be thankful for.

This week's Wednesday word is **Thankfulness**. The Gospel reminds us that we should be thankful to God and this will help us with our well-being.

### Staffing Update

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Gillingham back from maternity leave after half term. She will be Year 1 class teacher on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Toward will still be teaching this class throughout the week.

### Derwent Hill

Our Year 6 pupils (and staff) are very excited as they are going to Derwent Hill in the Lake District on Monday for the week. We are sure they will have a fantastic time doing lots of outdoor activities. What a great way to look after their mental health!

Can the children please come to school at 8.30am on Monday morning. Parents can you please wait on Monday morning with your child's luggage in the turning circle/Church car park until we are ready to depart at about 9.00am. Remember to follow us on Twitter as we will upload photographs every day. Also, please keep a watch for our return time to Sunderland next Friday as we will keep you updated. We pray for good weather although no matter what it is like the children will have fun!

### Well Being Day

We are proud to be supporting the wellbeing of our pupils today as we celebrate World Mental Health Day, which takes place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. We are thinking about it today as Year 6 will be at Derwent Hill next week. Today the children have taken part in mindfulness movements to music, meditated and thought about how they can look after their emotional need.

For more tips and information about looking after your child's mental health go to [www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/](http://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/)

As a parent or carer, looking after your own wellbeing is also important and Every Mind Matters enables you to get tailored wellbeing support. Use the Mind Plan to see what works for you: <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/your-mind-plan-quiz/>

## 5 Ways to Well Being



### Parents Appointments

Please ensure you make an appointment to discuss your child's progress.

### After School Clubs

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

### 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.**

#### 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.

## 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.

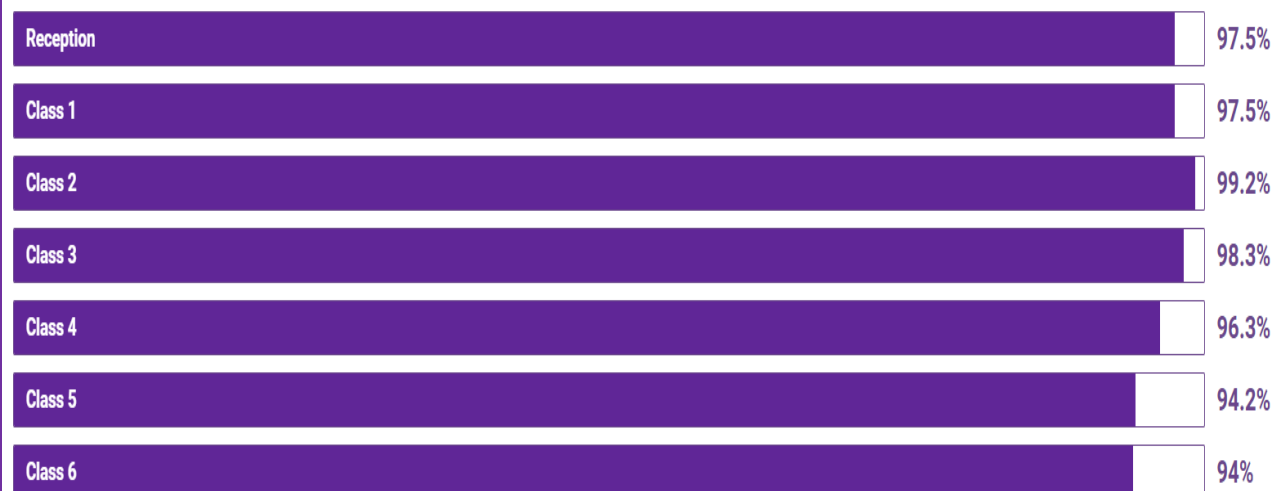
## Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

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.

## Attendance

Last week's attendance:



## Upcoming Events

### October 2022

4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 and Year 4 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
7 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day in school
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Liturgical Prayer in school at 9am
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Derwent Hill visit
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent's Evening Nursery – Year 6
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent's Evening Nursery – Year 6
19 <sup>th</sup> October	M&M Productions Sleeping Beauty Pantomime in school Reception – Year 6
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Liturgical Prayer in school at 9am
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop in school
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 RNLI Water Safety talk in school
21 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET Day
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closed for Autumn Half Term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Children return to school

### November 2022

1 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5 Mass for All Saints Holy Day of Obligation in Church at 9.15am
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Liturgical Prayer in school at 9am
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Liturgical Prayer in school at 9am
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 4 Mass in church at 9.15am

### December 2022

6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 at Hancock Museum
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1/2 Mass in church at 9.15am
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Nativity Play 9.30am and 2.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity Play 2.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity Play 9.30am and 2.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Parties am and pm
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Party pm
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service in church 2pm
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Whole School Mass in Church at 9.30am
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party am
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party pm
26 <sup>th</sup> December – 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	School Closed for Christmas Holidays

### January 2023

9 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
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### 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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# St Josephs RC Primary School

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