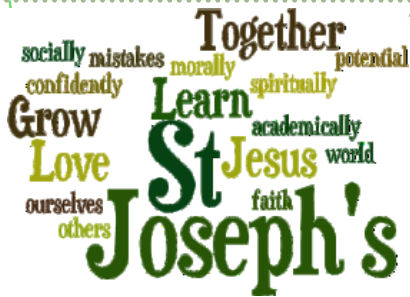


20th September 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for

Sunday 22nd September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 9: 30-37



Headteacher Message

Thank you to all those parents who have fed back information regarding the new systems in the morning. Your input has enabled us to make the changes to ensure that drop off in the morning is smoother and the children are more settled.

Joe Richardson the SEL (Strategic Executive Lead of St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust) visited the school this week and took a walk around to see the pupils at work. He commented on how articulate and happy our children were, all able to discuss their learning confidently and it is moments such as this that reaffirm what amazing children and staff attend St Joseph's School.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Meet The Teacher presentations this week. It is vital that the relationship between school and home is a strong one, so that we can relay the same messages to our children and work together to give them the best start to their educational journey.

In assembly this week, we talked about our journey through life and the bigger plan that God has for each one of us. How comforting to know that there will always be someone with us, guiding and protecting us, just as the hymn reminds

us:

"One More step along the World I go...

From the old things to the new

Keep me travelling along with You."

School Information

Morning Procedures

Thank you for your continued support with our new morning procedures. The procedure of pupils meeting and remaining on the key Stage 2 playground has been extremely successful. Pupils must ensure that they are on the Key Stage 2 playground when the whistle is blown at 8.45am so that they can line up and enter the school. The Key Stage 2 gate will close at this time. The Key Stage 1 children entering the building at 8.30am has been more successful and they are settled and ready to start the day by 8.55am.

Please be reminded that only the parents of pupils in Reception and Preschool may come onto the school grounds—parents of pupils in all other year groups must say goodbye at the main gate and allow their child to enter independently. Please do not distract the adults who are supervising pupils as they enter school. Should you wish to speak to an adult who is on the gate, you will need to make an appointment at the school office. Thank you for your cooperation and as always, please be assured that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance.

HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK (RUNNING TOTALS)

St David 70	St George 67
St Andrew 69	St Patrick 64

Awards

During our weekly celebration assembly on Friday, we present the children with Class Champion Awards. These are for those children who have stood out and displayed the key qualities of their class saint that week. The children receive a certificate and wear the Class Champion Lanyard for the week. This enables them to have special privileges such as walking Joey, being the line leader, going into lunch first with a friend and being allowed on all the play equipment all week (even when it is not their year groups turn).

Well done to all our winners this week who are listed below.



RC	Patrick Sweeney	RMG	Charlie Murphy
1B	Niamh McCreesh	1D	Rayan Aziz
2E	Anna Pilsniak	2ME	Conor Dundon
3S	Indiana Donovan	3B	Maahi Sharma
4FG	Emily Freegard	4B	Jacob Furnish
5F	Freddie Ratcliffe	5D	Chiara Goodman
6ST	Rosalind Matthews	6O	Ethan Golding

In addition to our class champion certificates we also reward children who display our learning characteristics during the week. These children receive a Rainbow Award Certificate.

Well done to the following children who received these awards this week:

Amelia Bull, Ronny Harrison, Riley Woolley, Kane Hassett, Reeva Groenwald, Beau Barrett, Maddox McLelland, Ciaran Gibbs, Gabriel Perestrelo Correia, Henry Hammond, Ollie Gallagher, Noah Lillywhite, Luana Negreiros-Coelho, Jeevan Bancy .



School Key Information

Meet The Teacher Presentations

Monday 23rd September at 9.00am or 6.00pm
(EYFS / Reception)

Thank you to all those who attended the Meet the Teacher presentations last week. The presentation information has been loaded to the [school website](#) under the Parent/Parent Workshops Tab.

PUNCTUALITY & SAFEGUARDING

MORNING

It is extremely important to ensure that children arrive to school on time.

At 8.45am the main school gates, and doors to both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 buildings are locked. After this time children cannot enter the school via the playgrounds.

If your child is not on either playground by 8.45am you must park outside of the school grounds and accompany them to the school office to sign them in.

Reporting Absence

Please use the dedicated

absence@stjosephschalfont.school

email address to ensure your child's absence is recorded.

Alternatively you may call 01753 887743

Selecting Option 1 to leave a message on the absence line.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Calendar

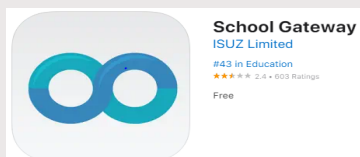
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Please check the [School Calendar](#) regularly to ensure you are aware of forthcoming events.

Email communications are sent to you via

Schoolcomms

To ensure **text messages** are received, please visit the [App Store](#) to download



Enter your email address and mobile phone number that you have set up for school.

A PIN number will be sent to you and text messages will appear via this App.

**WITHOUT THE APP YOU WILL NOT
RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES**

Social Media

Make sure that you keep up to date with all the wonderful and interesting things we are doing in school by regularly checking in to facebook / twitter (X).

There is now so much information on our social media platforms and Miss Minoli is adding new things all the time.

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School Reminders

Vomiting and Diarrhoea

If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home.

They should not return for 48 hours. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school. As an example, if your child is sick at lunchtime on a Tuesday, they should not return to school until after lunch on Thursday, provided there have not been any further episodes of vomiting.

Drop Ins : Between 3.30–4.00pm

Preschool	Tuesday (3.15–3.45pm)
Reception	Monday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Monday 4FG Tuesday 4B
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Thursday