



# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 18

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has been fantastic to see so much enrichment activities going on across the school. Year 4 have been practising their cooking skills in DT, whilst Year 2 have been designing dinner plates for the 'Hungry Caterpillar' and Year 5 have been developing their freestyle dance moves with the dance coach.

### Dates for next week-

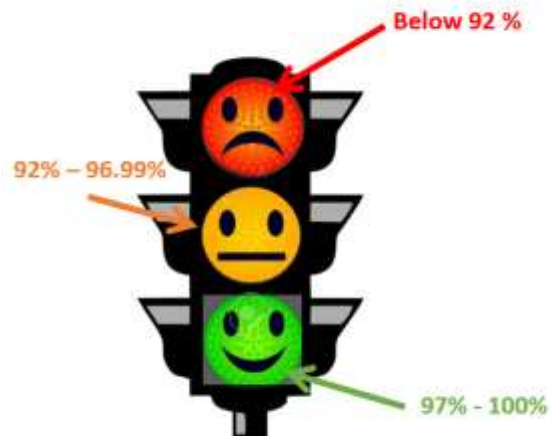
10am- Year 1 attending Mass at Holy Trinity (Parent help needed)

2:40pm- Year 4L Class Assembly in school hall- all parents and carers welcome

### Attendance

FYBS	98.44%
FYM	95.59%
Y1S	97.41%
Y1L	93.06%
Y2E	93.75%
Y2K	98.33%
Y3J	96.88%
Y3G	93.94%
Y4L	97.58%
Y4R	95.16%
Y5W	92.24%
Y5R	93.55%
Y6J	100%
Y6H	93.75%

### ATTENDANCE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM



### Coffee & Chat

Thank you to our home and school support visitors who came to our parent 'Coffee & Chat' morning this week. Please see attached with this newsletter information support offered by 'Spurgeons' and 'Family Connect'. Both work together to signpost families to local support for many areas including mental health, housing, parenting, financial support including providing beds and home appliances for families, SEND support amongst many others.

### Children's Mental Health Week & Internet Safety Day

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February we will be taking part in Internet Safety Day as well as starting our Children's Mental Health week. We look forward to discussing these two important areas with the children in class. Attached to this week's newsletter is the latest MAC Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter. The latest issue focuses on what we can all do to improve children's mental health.

### Request for Pens and Glue Sticks for children

With school budgets getting tighter, we are asking, where ever possible, for parents to provide handwriting pens for those children in Year 4 and upwards who have a pen license. We are also asking if parents can buy a glue stick for their child to use. We appreciate that not all families will be able to afford this, therefore school will provide these items to those that need them. Many

schools are already taking this action and have found that the children take care of and look after their own personal belongings thus making them last longer.

We really appreciate your support with this but fully understand if this is not an option for you.

**Term dates for next academic year**

We have been asked for the term dates for 2024-2025, here they are, please note they will be in line with the Local Authority dates, they are also on the school Website:

**Academic Year 2024-2025**

**Autumn Term 2024**

*Term Starts: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024*

*Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024*

*Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024*

**Spring Term 2025**

*Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025*

*Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025*

*Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025 (Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025)*

**Summer Term 2025**

*Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025*

*Half-term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025*

*Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025*

**Governor set Inset Days**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

3 more dates to be set



**This Sunday is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time**



***This week on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, we celebrated the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle. Paul, or Saul as he was first called, was not always a saint. Earlier as a loyal and angry Jew he persecuted the Church, but Jesus loved him even so and brought about his conversion.***

***He was then sent on a mission to tell people about Jesus.***

***This is the time that we pray for the conversion of sinners and for Christian unity.***

<b>Dates for your diary Spring 2024</b>		
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	10am	Year 1 attending Mass at Holy Trinity (Parent help needed)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	2:40pm	Year 4L Class Assembly- parents/carers welcome
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Family Mass in Church led by Y3G /Y3J also Mass of Commitment - followed by a brief parents talk (@15/20minutes) (instead of an evening after school)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Children’s Mental Health Week Starts/ Internet Safety Day
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Last day of half term for the children</b>	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	School closed for staff INSET
<b>12<sup>th</sup> February – 16<sup>th</sup> February school closed for half term holiday</b>		
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> February	8:35am	Children return from half term holiday
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> February	PM	Year 5R to attend Swimming at Whitehouse Common until Easter holidays
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> February	9am	Phonics information talk for Year 1 parents
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	SATS information talk for Year 6 parents
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Multiplication Times table Check information talk for Year 4 parents
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	11am Y3G 1.45pm Y3J	Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

Mrs L Chambers  
Vice Principal

Mr J P Lynch  
Assistant Principal