

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



This Week

Go Well 'Heart Project'

Last week we launched the Go Well 'Heart Project' with class 3 and class 4. The feedback from the children has been overwhelmingly positive, with children thoroughly enjoying getting physical and active together using the resources. We are glad that the bags have impacted so positively and children will be bringing these bags home with them soon to continue their great work at home.



Winter Weather

During the coming weeks we will no doubt experience some very cold, wet and wintery weather. Please ensure that children have with them in school a warm coat, hat and gloves as they will still spend time outside. Please also make sure that during periods of snow and icy weather, all children and parents stick to the safe routes that have been marked out in school. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.



Attendance

As a school, we aim for class attendance to be at 97% or better. We recognise that due to COVID-19, there will be a slight decline in figures. We appreciate your efforts to ensure your child's attendance is as positive as possible over the course of this academic year.

Year Group	Overall %
Reception	100
Year 1	97.2
Year 2	
Year 3	89
Year 4	
Year 5	92.9
Year 6	

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on Monday 14th and Tuesday 22nd March. It is likely that with the continued high rate of transmission of Covid, these meetings will not take place face to face. More information and booking slips will be sent out to parents.

Upcoming Events

- Children's Mental Health Week 7th February
- Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8th February
- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Friday 11th February
- Break up for half term Friday 18th February
- Children return to school Monday 28th February
- Fairtrade Fortnight 21st February-6th March
- World Book Day Thursday 3rd March
- Parents' Evening Monday 14th and Tuesday 22nd March
- Break up for Easter Friday 8th April
- Return after Easter Tuesday 26th April
- May Day 2022 Monday 2nd of May (School closed, children return on Tuesday 3rd)
- Break up for Summer Half Term Friday 27th May
- Return to School After Half Term Monday 6th June
- Jubilee Additional Holiday Day Monday 20th June (School closed, children return on Tuesday 21st June)
- Break up for Summer Holiday Thursday 21st July 2022

21st January 2022



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Sounds~Write Phonics

We have recently started a new phonics programme in school called Sounds~Write. Sounds~Write is a DFE approved programme and children from Reception Class to Year 2 will now be taught using this approach. Staff have completed extensive training on how to deliver Sounds~Write to the children and we have invested in new reading books and texts that are fully decodable and will support our pupils to read with fluency, enjoyment and confidence by the end of Key Stage 1.

Alongside Sounds~Write, children will be set online texts to read at home using the online Bug Club website. Staff will send out Bug Club passwords again, just to ensure that all children in Reception and Key Stage One can log on and access their online reading texts at home.



More in depth information can be found on our school website

<https://www.st-josephsrc-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-curriculum/reading-and-phonics/> including some useful links and video clips on how best to help your child learn. If anyone has any questions in the meantime, please catch your child's class teacher who will be happy to answer any questions that you have.

Statement to Live By

Our Statement to live by this week will be:

'I know we are happiest when we are united.'

Please make the opportunity to talk about this with your child. It will be the focus of Collective Worship throughout the week.



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