

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Head Teacher's Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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We've had a very busy but successful half term. I would like to thank all of our pupils and staff for their hard work and parents for their support! I wish you a very happy and restful half term break.

### Attendance

We are working hard to remain above the national standard for attendance which is 96% We are currently at 96.5. We are now working to have a big push to exceed 97% and stay above this target!

FS2	98.1%
Y1	96.6%
Y2	97.1%
Y3	97.6%
Y4	96.3%
Y5	96.6%
Y6	98.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97.3%</b>

### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We still have two vacancies for lunchtime roles in school. We have a vacancy for a senior lunchtime supervisor and also for a general lunchtime supervisor. Full details of these posts have been emailed out to parents and are also advertised on the Leeds City Council Web page, our school webpage under the vacancies section as well as in church. Please contact the school office for more information.

### Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who attended our harvest festival this week. Well done to our singers and readers. Thank you to all the families who donated £230.80 to CAFOD and the food for the SVP centre in Leeds. The Mini Vinnies travelled on the school mini bus to deliver the food on Wednesday. Thank you also to Mr Jennings our school music teacher who played some of the music this year.

### Family Mass at Church

It was lovely to see so many of our families celebrating mass together last Saturday evening.

### St Joseph's Open Day for New Parents

We will be holding our open days for prospective new parents on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** at 9:30am-11am and on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30pm. Please contact the school office to book onto the event.

### Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to regularly help in school. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more details. Thank you in advance.

### Thank You!

Thank you to Mr. Phillips, Mr. Rainczuk and Mr. Collier who gave up their time this week to help give the foundation stage outdoor area a face lift with a fresh coat of paint. Your time and effort is very much appreciated by the pupils and staff here at St Joseph's!

### A Huge Congratulations to Mrs Gee

Mrs Gee, our Senior Lunchtime Cook, has been selected as a finalist in the Lifetime Achievement Category in this year's Award for Excellence! She will be attending the Award Ceremony next month and I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Gee the very best of luck and a huge congratulations for reaching the final! She is already a winner in our eyes and we are extremely lucky to have her as part of our team!

### Oscar Romero Performance

St Joseph's Parish is delighted to welcome

RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company to Wetherby, who will be performing their original play 'Romero –

Heartbeat of El Salvador' at St Joseph's

Church, Wetherby November 9, 2017 at

**7.30pm.** Our year six pupils have been

invited along to this performance as part of

their RE unit of Justice in which they study

Oscar Romero. The year 6 staff will meet the

year 6 pupils there. However, this invite

goes out to our parents should they wish to

attend the performance. For tickets please

contact 07722780168 or 07964185050 or visit

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre) The

performance lasts approximately 75 minutes

### Crib Service (Foundation Stage)

**On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** our

Foundation Stage children will hold their

crib service down at church. Further information to follow after half term.

### Safeguarding

Should you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Miss Milivojevic (Head Teacher) or Mrs Ward (Deputy Head Teacher) who are the school designated safeguarding leads.

### Technology Week

After half term and during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November we will hold a technology week across school. Robi the Robot will be visiting school again and all of our classes will deliver technology and writing lessons all week. Feedback from our pupils last week showed that our pupils thoroughly enjoy themed weeks and so we will continue to look for opportunities to deliver these throughout the year.

### Important Dates

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – school closes for half term

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – training day

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – school reopens

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Mass in school 9am (All Saints)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** Parents evening

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – individual school photos

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Open morning 9:30am-11am for new parents

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Open afternoon 1:30-2:30pm for new parents

### FOSJ Upcoming Events

**Christmas Fair – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3:15pm (more information to follow)**

Thank you to the parents who helped at the school disco last Friday! It was great to see new faces working with the FOSJ and your help is very much appreciated.

