# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
# Head Teacher's Newsletter 11th January 2018

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**Statement of the Week**

I know I belong in a community that includes my school.

**This Week's Reading -**

This week's reading reminds us that love shows the way. We have been reminding ourselves in collective worship this week that where 2 or 3 are gathered in the name of the Lord, God is always with us. We have been thinking about ways that we can show God that we are listening to his words and trying to be more like him by being kind, caring and loving to others. Please spend some time this week talking to your children about how their actions show that they are listening to God's word.

**Golden Book**

In Golden Book Achievement Assembly we are looking for children this week and next week who are showing that they can follow the school and classroom rules: honesty, good manners, respect, love, kindness and being caring. I have been so impressed by the number of children who have already been put forward to me by their class teachers.

**Attendance -**

St Joseph's School Attendance Last Week

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| FS2 | 94.2% |
| Y1 | 93.8% |
| Y2 | 95.0% |
| Y3 | 96.0% |
| Y4 | 94.2% |
| Y5 | 92.5% |
| Y6 | 82.3% |
| **Total** | **92.6%** |

**Judo Taster Sessions**

This week all children in FS2 to Year 6 participated in a judo taster session. The sessions were highly motivating, energetic and engaging and the children really enjoyed the experience! If your child is interested in attending a Judo club out of school, please see the information leaflet which was sent home with your child this week.

**Lunch Time PE Clubs**

Our lunch time Sports Clubs are continuing to be very popular with our children. These are clubs funded by school and all of our KS1 & KS2 children have the opportunity to attend. We currently have cricket club for our Year 4 children, and Year 1 and Year 2 sessions this half term are team games.

**Partnerships at St Joseph's**

Here at St Joseph's we have an incredibly hardworking and committed staff who continuously strive to ensure we are providing the very best care and education for all of our children. We value our strong partnership with parents and carers – the first educators of our children – and are always looking for ways to strengthen this. On Thursday 25th January we have an open day where the Head Teacher will be available to meet with parents. Please contact the school office if you wish to make an appointment. As always, if you would like to speak to your child's class teacher or the Head Teacher, please contact the school office and a meeting will be arranged at the earliest convenient time.

**Show and Share**

We are pleased to announce that our very popular Show and Share sessions are back! These sessions enable parents to experience first-hand a lesson alongside their child and allows you to share an insight into their learning journey. Each class will host a session: Y1, Y3 & Y4 will hold theirs in Spring Term 1. FS2, Y2, Y5 & Y6 will hold theirs in Spring 2 and summer term. Teachers will send letters out to parents with full details of dates and times.

**Specialist Leaders of Education**

We currently have three Specialist Leaders of Education here at St Joseph's: Mrs Hemming, Mrs Reddiex and Mrs Ward. These teachers have been awarded the SLE status by the National College for Teaching and Leadership, and continuously work to support and develop excellent staff practice both in our school and beyond. Mrs Holmes, our SENCO & Inclusion Manager, who is also the lead SENCO for the East/North East of Leeds, is always available to meet with parents to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's needs.

**Year 5 Residential Parents' Information Evening**

There will be a Parents' Information Evening for Year 5 parents held in school on Thursday 25th January at 5pm in the Year 5 classroom. The hall doors will open for parents at 4:55pm.

**Parent Drop in Session**

The Targeted Services Team which are part of the EPOSS Partnership will be holding a drop in session for parents on Thursday 1st February at 8:30am in the school library. A flyer detailing the session has been emailed out to parents.

**Important Dates:**

**Thursday 25th January 2018**
Open day for parents to discuss aspects of the parent questionnaire: please contact the school office to book an appointment slot.

**Monday 29th January** Open classrooms, 3:15-4pm

**W/C 29th January** Anti - Bullying Week
**Thursday 1st February** – 8:30am Drop in Session for Parents EPOSS
**Tuesday 6th February 5:30pm** Assessment information evening for parents/carers
**Tuesday 6th February 6:45pm** FOSJ Meeting in the school hall – all welcome!
**Friday 9th February** Internet Safety Talks in school: visitor into school
Friday 9th February – break up for half term.

**Spring 2 (next half term)**

**Monday 19th February** – Training Day
**Tuesday 20th February** – back to school
**Monday 5th March** – Parents Evening
**WC 5th March** PSHE/Safeguarding Week – PSCO visiting school
**Tuesday 6th March** – Parents Evening

Please continue to visit the school calendar for dates of important events as these are, where possible, uploaded with plenty of notice.

**Safeguarding**

Please contact Miss Milivojevic or Mrs Ward, the designated safeguarding leads, if you have any safeguarding concerns.