

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Head Teacher's Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

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### Statement of the Week

I cooperate with others in work and play.

### This Week's Reading

This week we are reminded that Jesus is our teacher and he not only spoke the words of God but lived by them too. We remember Jesus's teachings, especially during anti-bullying week, where we celebrate our differences and stand up for what is right.

### Anti-Bullying Week

This week is Anti – Bullying Week in school. Today, a parent newsletter will be sent out highlighting some of the activities that have been carried out across school, including some of the key messages! Please talk to your children about the work they have carried out as part of this week's anti bullying campaign and reinforce the key messages.

Bullying of any form is never OK

Bullying can come in many forms: verbal, physical, emotional, cyber are just some of these.

Who to talk to if you feel you are experiencing or seeing bullying.

We are all different and these differences should be celebrated.

### Wear Red Day

Today we have invited all staff and pupils to wear red in support of The British Heart Foundation. We are also encouraging children to bring in donations to support one of our pupil's cake sale fund raiser! Thank you for your support!

### Walking Bus

As a healthy kick start to the day and in light of the ongoing parking difficulties around school, one of our parents has put forward an idea which we are keen to trial. Parents/carers are invited to walk to school together with their children along the old railway line. The proposal is that parents/carers bring their children to the Station Car Park for 8:30am and walk to school together. The car park has free parking! The launch date will be Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Everyone is welcome to join the walking bus and kick start the day with a brisk walk whilst also helping to ease congestion around school. This is not a school initiative and will not be led by school staff and therefore parents will need to accompany their children should they like to get involved. It may be that parents and children feel they would like to get involved a couple of times per week or try it most days of the week and we appreciate that it may not work for all families. More details will follow nearer the time with a map and a reminder of the time and launch date. The plan is that if the initial

trial is successful, some of our families may carry this on.

### Year 6 Detective Day

Year 6 have enjoyed a detective day this week. They problem solved, created their own versions of some of the Harris Burdick Mysteries and completed maths challenges throughout the day. I must congratulate them on their dressing up efforts! They were fantastic.

### Open Classrooms

This week we held our open classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity to come into your child's classroom to look through their books, view the current learning journeys/learning walls and browse through some of the resources that are used in lessons.

### Parents' Evening

A letter has been sent home with your child as well as being emailed out to parents with information for booking parents' evening. Booking will open this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and will be booked through Teachers2Parents as detailed in the letter sent out this week. Parents' Evening will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### Attendance

St Joseph's School Attendance Last Week

FS2	97.7%
Y1	93.0%
Y2	98.0%
Y3	96.8%
Y4	93.2%
Y5	96.9%
Y6	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.5%</b>

We are striving to bring our attendance to over 97%. Please keep working hard to keep attendance high! Well done to year 6 on 100% attendance last week!

### Show and Share Sessions

This week year 4 host their show and share sessions. We welcome our visitors into school this week to share some of our activities for KIRFs and hope parents are able to take away some of the games and strategies used to support KIRFS.

### Confirmation

A reminder to Year 5 and Year 6 parents. The due date for ensuring school have details of children who will begin their confirmation preparation in the summer term is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please return all forms to the school office.

### Assessment information Evening

Next Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm, we will hold our Assessment Information Evening for parents. Please come along and find out more about assessment and progress.

### School Website

The school website is regularly updated. Please visit the school website, especially the useful class pages to find out more information about your child's learning journeys.

### Important Dates:

**W/C 29<sup>th</sup> January** Anti - Bullying Week

**W/C 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Internet Safety Week

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm** Assessment information evening for parents/carers

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 6:45pm** FOSJ Meeting in the school hall – all welcome!

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** Internet Safety Talks in school: visitor into school

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – break up for half term.

**Spring 2 (next half term)**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Training Day

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – back to school

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Walk to School launch

**WC 5<sup>th</sup> March** Wellbeing Week – PSCO visiting school.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FOSJ

Information Stands will be on display on the school playground from 3:10pm to provide you with more information about the new and exciting fund-raising methods set up by the FOSJ. Members of the FOSJ and school pupils will be around to hand out information leaflets, give out goodies and provide you with any additional information about these new and ongoing fund-raising ideas. Please spare 5 minutes, come along and find out more! The money from the FOSJ is helping to provide additional resources in line with the school development priorities and without your help and support, these resources would simply be out of our reach! The stands will be set up on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

**Next week on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6:45pm in the school hall, we have a FOSJ meeting. All new parents are welcome. There will be cheese and wine and we welcome new ideas for fundraising for the year ahead! Please come along and join us.**

