



St Joseph & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Mission Statement

The Mission of St Joseph & St Teresa's School is to lead each member of the school community to a deeper, more active faith in God. We strive to offer the children entrusted in our care a quality, well balanced and appropriate education, which fulfils the needs of each unique individual.

Happy New Year!

Welcome back for the start of our Spring term 2020.

Assembly today

This afternoon we will be celebrating the achievements of our pupils this week with the Headteacher's Awards, Heart of Gold Awards and Birthdays. Due to the Young Voices Concert Mrs Cummins-Smith will be leading our assembly this afternoon.

Many thanks.

Parents and Carers are always welcome to attend all our Friday Assemblies.

Applications for Admission into Reception Class September 2020 closes on Wednesday 15th January. Please contact the School Office if you have any queries.

Attendance Initiative

To encourage and promote the importance of good attendance, we will be running an attendance initiative throughout this spring term. Pupils will receive a raffle ticket for each full week they are at school every day, on time. We will have a draw at the end of each half term to find some lucky winners.

Last term pupils and staff struggled with several bugs. Please help us by getting your child to school every day if they are well enough. Any time away from school is a missed learning opportunity.

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Friday 10th January 2020

Newsletter



Young Voices Concert

Following weeks of rehearsals after school, a group of our pupils will be travelling to the Fly DSA Arena in Sheffield this afternoon for a final practice, before performing with thousands of other school children this evening. Many thanks to Mrs Murphy and Miss Marsden for their hard work preparing the children for the concert.

Contact details

If you received a new mobile phone for Christmas please update the contact details we have in the school office. This will ensure you receive text messages we send out and we are able to contact you in an emergency.

School Maintenance Fund

All families are asked to contribute to the School Maintenance Fund. This fund helps to pay for the cost of maintaining our school building. It also helps pay for the 10% contribution our school, as a Catholic school, has to make for any capital work done using capital funding. Details can be found on ParentPay.

PE kit

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit and trainers in school each day. Whilst the weather is so cold, it would be useful for pupils to bring a tracksuit or sweat shirt and jogging bottoms also. PE kit should be brought to school on Mondays and left on pupils' pegs.

Cold weather

Please ensure all pupils come to school with a warm coat. We also recommend that pupils have a hat, gloves and scarf to put on at break times.

Breakfast Club, School Dinners and Walker Service all must be paid for in advance. Please make payments on ParentPay. If there are any issues please speak to the School Office.

“Love one another as I have loved you” *John 13:34*

Head Teacher's Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Reason for award
St Teresa's – FS1	Arthur Allen	For amazing effort and engagement in Phonics.
St Teresa's – FS2	Aiden Marambe	For great effort and progress with his Phonics and Reading.
St Patrick's	Isabelle Hughes	For fantastic engagement and effort in Phonics sessions.
St Andrew's	Frankie Allen	For fantastic progress with his Reading.
St David's	Emma Craven	For a great positive attitude in her English lessons.
St George's	Oliver Coy	For making great progress in his Reading.

Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement
St Teresa's	Alisha Gray Roman Fisher	<p>I know we are happiest when we are united.</p>
St Patrick's	Jorgie Marlow	
St Andrew's	Scarlett Vickerage	
St David's	Tom Burn	
St George's	Cadey Scott	

Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 20/12/2019
St Teresa's	71.1%
St Patrick's	88.3%
St Andrew's	93.1%
St David's	93.4%
St George's	92.1%
Attendance wasn't very good before Christmas but St David's's Class won the Attendance Cup and have looked after it this week.	

A reminder that I am unable to authorise any family holidays in term time unless it meets the exceptional criteria as specified in the Attendance Policy. Unauthorised leave is referred to the Local Authority and you may receive a penalty notice.

After School Clubs

Tuesday 14 th January	Y3/4 Basketball	3.25-4.25pm
Wednesday 15 th January	Gymnastics	3.25-4.25pm
Friday 17 th January	KS1 Hockey	3.25-4.25pm

Children must be collected from all after-school clubs and boosters from the playground by a responsible adult.

**On this day:
10th January**

In 49 BC, Julius Caesar defied the Roman Senate and crossed the Rubicon River with his army, starting a civil war. In 1642, King Charles I and his family fled London for Oxford. In 1839, tea arrived in the UK for the first time from India. In 1863, the first underground railway opened in London. In 1957, Harold Macmillan became Prime Minister following Anthony Eden's resignation.