

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



This Week

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week takes place this year from the 15th-19th November. The theme is 'One kind word'. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been.



The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week. We invite children to wear odd socks on Monday 15th November to launch anti-bullying week in school.

Remembrance

Children have shown great respect this week in acts of remembrance for our armed forces. The children were led in Liturgical Prayer by the children of Class 4 to remember, with a focus on peace. Children also used resources from the Durham Light Infantry to explore primary sources to learn more about the war and the local soldiers who fought for our freedom. Throughout the week, each class has focussed on remembrance and have produced some fantastic work.



Children in Need

This year, Children in Need will take place on Friday 19th November with the theme of the day being 'Together, we can!' We invite children to come to school this day, dressed in spots, bright colours or own clothes of their choice. Throughout the day, children will participate in activities that are linked to the theme of the day. School will make a donation to this charity on behalf of our children. Whilst there is no obligation to make a donation, if anyone would like to make their own donation to Children in Need, there will be a payment item on ParentPay set up to do so.



After School Clubs

Some after school clubs are due to commence next week. Electronic forms have been sent out in order to sign your child up to the club. They begin next week and will offer a Key Stage 1 club of Multi Sports and a Key Stage 2 club of Archery (as voted for by the children) with specialised coaches from Keep Active delivering the sessions. Spaces are limited for both clubs.



Upcoming Events

- Remembrance Service (Welfare Park) Sunday 14th November 10:45 am
- Parents' Evening Monday 15th November
- Anti Bullying Week 15th-19th November
- Children in Need Friday 19th November

Reminder, if children are bringing grapes as their healthy snack, they must be sliced lengthwise and not left whole. Children must also bring in a water bottle into school to keep them hydrated during the school day.



We are pleased to inform you of the result from our recent parent governor election. The ballot boxes were collected on Monday by School Governor Support and counted. We would like to thank those who put their name forward. The successful candidate was Mrs Hayley Hood. Congratulations.

Statement to Live By

Our Statement to live by this week will be

'I think before I make choices that affect my health.'

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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Parents' Evenings

The next parent consultation meetings will take place on Monday 15th November. As we are still working within Covid guidelines, for safety reasons, this parent consultation will take place via telephone call with your child's class teacher.

Uniform

As the school days start to get colder, please ensure children come to school suitably dressed with a warm coat, hat and gloves. We also ask that children wear black school shoes and not trainers.

World Youth FUNday

Youth Friday will be celebrated nationally on Friday 19 November, the Friday before the Feast of Christ the King. The theme this year is 'Witness: Share what you have seen'. Alongside the activities for Children in Need, children will be involved in an interactive day of virtual community, prayerful encounters, input and activities with other schools and families across the country.



Christmas Festivities

Next week we will share in a Christmas letter the arrangements and exciting activities that we have planned for the children in the lead up to Christmas.

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.