

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



This Week

Anti-Bullying Week

With our work this week around anti-bullying and the theme of 'one kind word,' we have seen such kindness and respect from our wonderful children. Children and staff alike have worked together to promote kindness in school throughout the week.



Children in Need

Children in Need took place in school today with the theme 'Together, we can!' Children came to school dressed in spots, bright colours, and clothes of their own choice. Throughout the day, children have participated in exciting activities linked to the theme of the day. School have donated to this charity on behalf of our children. We hope all of our children enjoyed their day .



Foodbank Donations

As part of our school's poverty proofing policy, we kindly ask that any gifts for staff are in the form of donations for the local foodbank, to help people in need this Christmas. We will be collecting throughout the period of Advent and would greatly appreciate any donations to support such a worthy cause.

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.

| Year Group | Overall % |
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| Reception | 83.6 |
| Year 1 | 97.7 |
| Year 2 | 100 |
| Year 3 | 96.7 |
| Year 4 | 97.7 |
| Year 5 | 100 |
| Year 6 | 98.1 |

World Youth FUNday

Today is Youth Friday, the Friday before the Feast of Christ the King. The theme this year is 'Witness: Share what you have seen'. Children have been involved in an interactive day of virtual community, prayerful encounters, input and activities with other schools and families across the country.

Upcoming Events

- First Sunday of Advent 28th November
- Christmas Tree Lighting Monday 29th November
- Christmas Party Day Monday 13th December
- Christmas Dinner Wednesday 15th December

A special thankyou to those who joined us for the Remembrance Services at Welfare park on Sunday 14th November. It was lovely to see so many people from the community come together and we were very proud of our children.

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.

Statement to Live By

Our Statement to live by this week will be 'I can work, play, rest and pray each day.' Please make the opportunity to talk about this with your child. It will be the focus of Collective Worship throughout the week.

"Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Don't observe life from a balcony. Don't confuse happiness with an armchair or live your life behind a screen...Don't be parked cars but dream freely and make good decisions. Take risks, even if it means making mistakes." Pope Francis



Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

Respect, Friendship,
Excellence, Care