

7th January 2022

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



This Week

Welcome back!

A warm welcome back after Christmas to all of our children and families. We hope that you had a happy break and we are pleased to be back in school together to start our Spring Term.

Epiphany

Yesterday, Thursday 6th January, was the feast of the Epiphany. In school the children found out about why we celebrate this feast day and the focus on the Magi's visit to Baby Jesus.

Winter Weather

During the coming weeks we will no doubt experience some very cold, wet and wintry weather. Please ensure that children have with them in school a warm coat, hat and gloves as they will still spend time outside. Please also make sure that during periods of snow and icy weather, all children and parents stick to the safe routes that have been marked out in school. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

Sacramental Preparation

Following discussions with Fr. Ian, we are thrilled to share that the Sacramental Preparation will take place for any Year 4, 5 and 6 children who wish to make their First Holy Communion. Children have brought a letter home yesterday with more information.

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 %
Reception	100
Year 1	99
Year 2	93.8
Year 3	98.9
Year 4	96.9
Year 5	98.9
Year 6	98.5

Food bank Appeal

A huge heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to our foodbank appeal before Christmas. We were able to help many in our school and wider community and your generous contributions made such a difference. We hope to continue with the foodbank appeal in school during the winter months and any donations will be gratefully received.



Bishop Robert has announced the Year of the Eucharist is to now be celebrated in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and has been launched simultaneously with the launch of the Synod.

This Diocesan Year aims to celebrate the Eucharist at the heart of the life and mission of the Church and to gather people back to the Mass and the Sacraments. We are to grow as a Diocese in our love and appreciation of the Eucharist. We are to deepen our appreciation of its celebration through the liturgy. We are to revitalise and renew our faith through a deepening prayer and devotion of the Eucharist. And we are to go out and serve the world through the nourishment we receive.

Upcoming Events

- Children's Mental Health Week 7th February
- Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8th February
- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Friday 11th February
- Break up for half term Friday 18th February
- Children return to school Monday 28th February

Water Bottles- Please make sure that all children in school have a water bottle (filled with water only) in school each day, so they are able to have regular drinks throughout the school day.

After school clubs will restart over the coming weeks, a link to an online form will be sent to sign your child up for these clubs, so please look out for this message.

Parents' Evenings will take place on Monday 14th and Tuesday 22nd March. It is likely that with the continued high rate of transmission of Covid, these meetings will not take place face to face. More information and booking slips will be sent out to parents.

Statement to Live By

Our Statement to live by this week will be

'I try to follow our school and classroom rules'

Please make the opportunity to talk about this with your child. It will be the focus of Collective Worship throughout the week.



Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

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