

14th January 2022



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

### This Week

#### New Local Governing Committee

When we transferred over to the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust, on October 1st 2021, our previous governing body changed and a newly appointed Local Governing committee was assigned in line with Trust policy. We are thankful that we have retained some of our previous governors on our new Local Governing Committee and were sad to lose others who have contributed so much to our school family over the years. We would like you all to join with us in offering our sincere thanks to all governors, from both schools, for their loyalty and dedicated service over the years, your work, time and commitment has been very valued.

Governors play a lead, strategic role in helping schools to develop and implement policy and practices which ensure that all pupils receive the best possible opportunities and education within our schools. Our new Local Governing Committee is made up of governors from both of our Federated schools, St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Lourdes. Our current governors are:

Governors	Role
Paul Francis	Chair of Governors
Fr Ian Jackson	Vice Chair of Governors
Fr. Peter Stoddart	Foundation Governor
Lisa Ashton	Executive Headteacher
Gemma Wright	Staff Governor
Katherine Briggs	Foundation Governor
Charlotte Carr	Foundation Governor
Carole Close	Foundation Governor
Billy Dring	Foundation Governor
Lisa Tulett	Foundation Governor
Hayley Hood	Parent Governor
Sarah Henry	Additional Governor appointed by the Trust

#### Winter Weather

During the coming weeks we will no doubt experience some very cold, wet and wintery 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.

#### 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	91.2
Year 1	97.8
Year 2	
Year 3	88
Year 4	
Year 5	94.5
Year 6	

### Upcoming Events

- World Peace Sunday, 16th January
- 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
- Fairtrade Fortnight 21st February-6th March
- World Book Day Thursday 3rd March
- Parents' Evening Monday 14th and Tuesday 22nd March
- Break up for Easter Friday 8th April
- Return after Easter Tuesday 26th April
- May Day 2022 Monday 2nd of May ( School closed, children return on Tuesday 3rd)
- Break up for Summer Half Term Friday 27th May
- Return to School After Half Term Monday 6th June
- Jubilee Additional Holiday Day Monday 20th June (School closed, children return on Tuesday 21st June)
- Break up for Summer Holiday Thursday 21st July 2022

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#### Parents' Evening

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.

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#### New Starters September 2022

Reminder that the 15th January, is the deadline for applying for a Reception class place for your child to start school in September. If you or someone you know has not yet applied for a Reception class place, please do so by Saturday. Late applications can be taken by Durham County Council, however, this could affect you getting your first choice place.

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#### Additional Bank Holiday

The Government have announced that there will be an additional bank holiday in 2022 to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The late May bank holiday will be moved to Thursday 2nd June and an additional Jubilee bank holiday will be Friday 3rd June 2022. In line with guidance, schools have been asked to allocate an extra day of holiday, given the bank holiday will be during our May half-term holiday, we have chosen Monday 20th June 2022 as the extra day of holiday, meaning school will be closed on this day.

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#### Go Well "Heart Project"

On Wednesday, we launched the start of our Go Well "Heart Project" across school. The aim of the "Heart Project" is to support children to be active at home with their families and friends. Each class completed activities looking at how they can keep healthy in a number of ways. We ended the day by making our own heart pledges. All children in KS2 have now received their bags with equipment. The programme lasts for 12 weeks and at the end of the programme everyone involved will receive a medal, certificate plus information of where they can continue to keep active in the community

#### Statement to Live By

Our Statement to live by this week will be

**'I know I belong in a community that includes my school.'**

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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