



Autumn Term

Dear Children, Parents, Governors and Friends,

What a busy start to our new academic year and thank you to everyone who has contributed to school life at St Joseph's.

We welcome all of the new families joining us this year and welcome our new members of staff Mr Balchin, who is now our permanent school chef, Miss Alderson who is a permanent kitchen assistant and Mrs Catchside, a permanent teaching assistant.

Mr Balchin previously worked at St Aidan's school and has enjoyed getting to know our children and finding out their likes and dislikes. Mr Balchin and the kitchen team are preparing meals that all the children are enjoying. We are planning a taster session for you to come in and sample what is been offered to the children in school.

Mrs Isherwood returned from maternity leave and we welcomed her back to teach our Year 1 children. Our class teachers are preparing class newsletters to keep you informed of what is being taught this term and any activities that are planned. This year there will be lots of opportunities to come into school and work with alongside your child. We will ensure that you receive a timetable of events to help you with planning your time.

Attendance

We've recently implemented changes to our attendance policy which is in line with the DFE changes and updates that came into effect this September. All changes are in place to support and encourage regular school attendance for all pupils. Mrs Barnfather oversees school attendance and her aim is to support any families with any absence or lateness concerns. We cannot authorise any requests for holidays, this will be recorded as unauthorised and any absence of 10 sessions which is 5 days in a 10-week period can lead to a fine. Leave of absence can only be considered for exceptional circumstances. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Cedar House Year 6 Visit

The Year 6 children recently visited Cedar House Care Home in Ashbrooke. They met up with the residents that they had written letters to in the summer term and sang a selection of songs.



School Parliament Mayor Visit and Beach Clean

The children from the School Parliament have been busy! They have had an afternoon meeting the Mayor at City Hall and a separate afternoon cleaning up at Roker beach. Let's all take this as a great example and leave nothing behind but footprints when visiting our beaches.



Upcoming Events

September 2024

Thursday 26th September

My World day – wear own clothes to match colours of a flag and Special themed lunch day.

Friday 27th September

Coffee morning in aid of MacMillan in school from 9am.

Wear green in support of MacMillan – donations via Parentpay

Year 3 Art Workshop visit

October 2024

Tuesday 1st October

Reception visit to Pocket Park (am)

Nursery curriculum meeting for parents in school hall 2.45pm

Wednesday 2nd October

Reception – Year 6 Online Safety Workshops

Monday 7th October

Year 5 Jarrow Hall visit

Reception and Year 6 Liturgy (buddies) in School at 9am

Friday 11th October

Year 3 and Year 4 RNLI talk

Monday 14th – Friday 18th October Year 6 Derwent Hill Visit

Monday 14th October

Year 4 Celebration of the word Liturgy in School at 9am

Tuesday 15th October

Year 2 Multi Skills at St Anthony's

Wednesday 16th October

Year 3 and Year 4 Mass in church at 9.30am

Thursday 17th October

Peter Pan Pantomime in school

Monday 21st October

Year 2 Celebration of the word Liturgy in School at 9am

Year 4 Home Fire Safety Workshop

Tuesday 22nd October

Year 1 Multi Skills at St Anthony's

Friday 25th October

Year 3 Stone Age Workshop Day in School

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November Half Term

November 2024

Tuesday 5th November

Reception – Year 6 Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation

Monday 11th – Friday 15th November – Antbullying Week 'Choose Respect'

Monday 11 th November	Year 3 Celebration of the word Liturgy in School at 9am
Tuesday 12 th November	'Odd Socks' Day
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 2 and Year 5 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am
Monday 18 th November	Year 5 Celebration of the word Liturgy in School at 9am
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd November	Year 4 Residential Visit to Youth Ministry Trust
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 1 and Year 6 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am
Monday 25 th November	Year 1 Celebration of the word Liturgy in School at 9am

Mrs M.Graham

Mrs A Toward

Executive Head Teacher

Head of School