

St Joseph's Newsletter

12/01/2023

Happy New Year. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school.

On Thursday each class had a workshop from **The Dog's Trust**. The children found out about Responsible Dog Ownership and Safe Behaviour Around Dogs. All of the children learnt a lot and enjoyed the sessions.

EARRINGS – please remember that earrings should not be worn in school. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, small studs **MUST** be worn. Hooped or dangling earrings are dangerous and can be easily caught causing the ear lobe to tear.

School Uniform, thank you for ensuring that the children look so smart. On PE days, they can come into school in their PE kit – red polo shirt, **PLAIN** black shorts/joggers/leggings, school sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper.

Attendance packs and awards have been sent home today. Please take time to read the contents of your packs over the weekend and if you have any questions regarding attendance, please speak to Ms Campbell.

Congratulations to all the students who received an attendance award.

Happy Birthday to....

Sam

Gillian

Luca

Bobby

Noah

Piper

Oliwier

Life is God's
gift to us
What we do
with it is our
gift to God

As ever the week has been very busy, beginning with our assembly celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany. This was followed with the children finding out about the Baptism of the Lord and then our beginning of term Mass celebrated with Canon Michael.

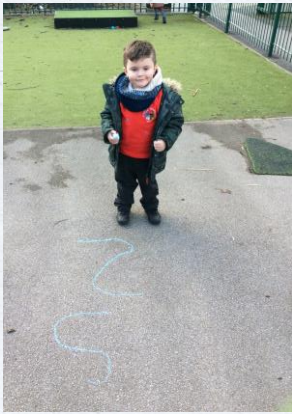
The wise men might have expected the young king would be found in a palace in the most important city, but instead they find the child Jesus in a simple house in a small town.

The wise men offered their gifts to Jesus. Together we pray that we may all share in the wonderful gifts that God has given us.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have made a wonderful return to school. This week we have started our new topic of "Traditional Tales." It is the turn of "The Three Bears" this week and the children have helped us to make a cottage in the woods for our role-play area. We have had porridge for



snack just like the three bears and it was just right! The children have also started to learn some letter sounds in phonics. This week we learnt the sound "s". We made spiders and snakes in the playdough and had a go at writing a "s". Look out for the letter "s" when you are out and about with your children and see if they can point it out to you.

Reception

Reception have had a great start to the week.

We have started to learn about our new topic of space and have been exploring all about the planets and space stations.

We had an amazing afternoon in forest schools, making potions and citrus soup.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a very exciting start to this half term. We have started a new story about a boy and his favourite toy. We have been sharing stories about our favourite toys and why we love them. In history we are also looking at the difference between toys from the past and toys now. There were lots of old toys that we got to play with like spinning tops, tiddlywinks and balancing chairs. We really loved the spinning tops and balancing chairs! On Thursday we had a visit from the Dogs Trust who taught us all about the Happy Dog Rules and how we can make sure we are happy and safe with dogs. It was really fun learning about dogs and we were sharing fun stories about what our dogs get up to.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant start to the year! On Monday we collected leaves to write our New Years Resolutions on and released them to the wind, we have already been working hard towards our resolutions. In English, we have started our new story of Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers and have been using interesting vocabulary to describe the penguin found at our door. In Geography we have started our new topic of Maps and created some great sketch maps of our school and local area, we made sure to include a key to make our map symbols clear.

This Week's School Attendance

N	95.4%	R	91.9	Y1	93.2%
Y2	96.9%	Y3	97.4%	Y4	94.6%
Y5	92.7%	Y6	95.9%	School	94.6%

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great first week back after the holidays. The entire class have worked so hard this week and have produced some excellent work. We enjoyed a visit from Dog's Trust on Thursday where we learnt all about safe and kind behaviours when interacting with dogs.

Well done year 3!



Year 4

It has been lovely seeing Year 4 all back rested and happy. With no time to waste, we have started the Spring term working really hard. In English and Reading, we have started reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. In Maths, our main focus this week was factors and being able to use them to help us solve multiplication problems. On Thursday, we had a very informative workshop provided by Dogs Trust where we learnt about how to safely behave



around dogs. In Science, we have been constructing and interpreting a variety of food chains.

Year 5

As we returned to school after the Christmas holiday, whole school Mass brought us all together in prayer. A perfect start to 2024 at St Joseph's. Y5 have enjoyed learning about the Epiphany including the message this brings. The Magi represent the gentiles and how people from all nations are welcome in the family of God. The feast of 'The Baptism of the Lord' allowed us to consider how we can be more like Jesus and spread God's light in the world. Reading has been, as always, a focus this week. Well done to all children who have read at home every day and remembered to have their Reading Record signed. In preparation for performing Shakespeare's *Macbeth* the whole class have been reading and learning lines whilst considering how best to act out scenes from the text.

Year 6

We have hit the ground running in Year 6 after the much deserved Christmas break. In maths, we have been continuing with our topic all about fractions. This is something the children have worked hard to understand and continue to develop their confidence in. In English, we have started our new reading book called *Kensuke's Kingdom*. It is all about a family who sail around the world and we will be writing a balanced argument all about living this lifestyle. We finished the week with an assembly all about The Epiphany. The children participated really well and sang beautifully.

**Congratulations to
St Teresa of
Calcutta**



**WINNERS of this
week's house points
award**

★ Work of the Week ★

	Nursery	Adam	Reception	Carter	
Year 1	Ananya	Year 2	Lola	Year 3	Sorella
Year 4	Tammy	Year 5	Sarah	Year 6	Victoria

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Thursday 25 th January	Year 2 Graystone Trip
Thursday 1 st February	Year 1 Graystone Trip
Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th February	Year 6 Lledr Hall Trip
Friday 16 th February	School closes for the Half Term Break at 3.30pm
Monday 26 th February	School opens for the Spring 2 Half Term
Thursday 28 th March	School Closes for the End of Spring Term at 2.30pm
Monday 8 th April	School Opens for the Summer 1 Half Term
Monday 6 th May	School is Closed Today for the May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	School Closes for the Half Term Break
Monday 10 th June	School Open for Summer 2 Half Term
Tuesday 23 rd July	School Closes for the Summer 2 Half Term