

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: Newsletter 20.10.23

Mission

Together we love, learn, follow Jesus

Vision

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, through an open and generous heart, we learn together as a family in faith, following the gospel values of love.

Values

Hope Thankfulness Collaboration Compassion Friendship Resilience Empathy Creativity Justice Respect



A Message from Miss Dewhurst: How have we reached the half term break already?!

We have had a very busy and exciting last week in school. It was lovely to invite our Class 4/5 families into school to watch our assembly. We are really happy to share our assemblies with families as it gives you a snapshot of what your children having been doing and learning in school. They also allow the children to show all of this off and celebrate these learning achievements with you! Thank you to everyone who came to all of our parent events this term and we look forward to celebrating many more to come! As part of our computing curriculum intent, we were so excited to invite into school our Jam Coding film crew! As you are aware, Jam Coding provide part of our wonderful computing curriculum and we were chosen by them, from many schools in Lancashire that they work with, to be part of their marketing and advertising strategy! We were told that our children are so amazing in lessons that they wanted us to be the school to advertise their vision! As always, we are utterly proud of our children and equally, this doesn't surprise me because they are all truly wonderful! I hope you all have a lovely half term break!



Award Winners



CI R/1:

Dojo Champion: **Thomas**

School Values/Mission: **Jacob** for friendship

"Spotted": **William** for being a great role model to his peers



CI 2/3:

Dojo Champion: **Rory**

School Values/Mission: **Violet** for friendship and empathy

"Spotted": **Isabella** for being brave when something upset her



CI 4/5:

Dojo Champion: **Charlotte**

School Values/Mission: **Peggy** for resilience

"Spotted": **Emelia** for looking after a friend and showing empathy when they were upset



CI 6:

Dojo Champion: **Albie**

School Values/Mission: **Olivia**—resilience

"Spotted": **Halle** for scoring seven goals and helping our team become the South Ribble Girls Champions



Happy Birthday

Niamh, Effie & Isabella

Sunday Gospel: Some of the leaders tried to trap Jesus and get him into trouble. So they sent some of their followers who said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God's way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone's rank means nothing to you." They then asked him, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, the Emperor?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why are you trying to trap me? Show me a coin you use to pay taxed." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God."
Matthew 22: 15-21

This week Miss Dewhurst spotted:

Leon

For showing huge resilience and perseverance

School re-opens: Don't forget, school re-opens after the half term break at 8.50am on Monday, 30th October.

Classroom Catch Up: It has been a fun-filled week in Class R/1! On Monday, the children enjoyed working in teams to build their own dens and bug houses in Forest School. In computing, the children consolidated their programming skills and had fun navigating their robots around a maze. In drama, the children learnt and performed an Autumn poem and added their own actions. To end the week, Class R/1 practised their throwing and catching skills in P.E.

Well, we have reached the end of term and we have packed so much into the last seven weeks in Class 2/3. In our R.E. lessons this week we have been looking at the sacrament



of Baptism and Year 2/3 impressed me so much with their resilience and care when we made our Baptism box keepsakes - a little reminder of the symbols of Baptism. Our Collective Worships this week looked at generosity and we thought about all the things that we should be thankful for and the people that we know who are generous and kind. We are coming to the end of our French topic and have been polishing our pronunciation skills as we learn how to greet each other in French. In history, we created our own cave art and also used



the Forest School area to become 'hunter-gathers'.

And just like that we are at the end of the first half term! It has been an absolutely delightful first half term in Class 4/5. The children have settled in brilliantly, produced some super work and most of all displayed their thirst and love for learning. This week, the children have produced their own chapters based on the previous events in Street Child and now we are looking forward to finishing the book and finding out what actually happens. In maths, Year 5 have been doing an AMAZING job with multiples and factors; whilst Year 4 have been working hard to master the written method of subtraction (with exchanging). In science, the children ended our teeth and digestion unit by creating their own food chains based on different habitats. A major highlight to the week was our class assembly for parents on Thursday which was all based on the topic of Victorians – the children did a wonderful job!

Just because we are approaching half term doesn't mean we are easing off in Year 6! In maths, we are moving along nicely with fractions. We have compared fractions with the same denominator, compared fractions with a different denominator and we are currently using our knowledge of equivalent fractions to make numerators the same. We have come to the end of our history topic on the Ancient Greeks, and it was fascinating to see how many inventions and traditions, still used today, were created by the Ancient Greeks. Fr Raphael visited on Thursday to talk about his vocation and the calling to become a priest. Not only did he tell a fascinating story about his past, but when quizzed by the children, he gave such honest and genuine answers - the children and I came away with an uttermost respect for him and choices he has made.



All Saints Day: On Wednesday, 1st November, Fr Raphael will be in school leading Mass at 10.45am. You are welcome to join us for this. Please come to the main pedestrian gate and we will let you into the school hall.

Stay and Play: Parents and carers of pupils in Class R/1 are invited to join a Forest School session on Tuesday, 7th November from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. Please come dressed for the outdoors!

Lost Property: We have accumulated quite a collection of PE hoodies, cardigans and jumpers again this half term. If your child has lost something, please check the box in the entrance hall. Can we remind you to name everything that comes into school so that we can make sure it gets reunited with your child! We are always amazed at how many school branded items, as well as coats do not have the name of their owner in them. Please take time over half term to ensure your child's clothes are clearly labelled. Any uncollected items will be recycled on our "new to you" rail.

Pope Francis: *Like the Good Samaritan, we are called to be neighbours to all the wayfarers of our time, to save their lives to heal their wounds and to soothe their pain,*
(Taken from X)



High School Applications: Year 6 parents! As your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024 - apply for their school place now! www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (Closing date 31 October 2023) For guidance and eligibility for school transport see: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.

School Attendance: Here are our weekly attendance figures for this week

Week commencing 16.10.23

	This Week	School Year
Yr R	94.2%	96.9%
Yr 1	98.3%	99.5%
Yr 2	94.4%	97.6%
Yr 3	100%	96.6%
Yr 4	95.3%	94.9%
Yr 5	94.7%	98.9%
Yr 6	93.3%	96%
Total	95.6%	97.1%

Children's Liturgy: This Sunday 29th Sunday of the year. In the Gospel the Pharisees, who did not like Jesus tried to trick him. At the time the Romans ruled the area where Jesus lived. The people did not like the Romans and they did not want to have to pay money to them. But the Pharisees knew that if Jesus said this out loud, he would get into trouble. Jesus told the Pharisees to "pay the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor – and God what belongs to God."

Jesus is reminding us that we have two main responsibilities. One is to love God and to try to live our lives the way God wants us to. The other responsibility is to care for each other and to make sure that everyone gets their fair share of the good things that God has given us.

What will you do this week to show that you love God and are trying to live your life the way God wants? What will you do this week to show that you care for others, both here and around the world?

We do hope you can join us at 9:30 Mass - it would be lovely to see you .

Forest School Updates: Year 6 enjoyed their final session in Forest School on Wednesday. Using tools, they whittled their own sticks to heat their marshmallows over the firepit before making them into smores and enjoying them with a hot chocolate.

Don't forget, after half term, **Year 2** will be going with Miss Ollerton and Mrs Lau into Forest School on a Wednesday. They should come to school dressed in their kit—long sleeved top, long trousers, old footwear or boots and a waterproof coat with a hood. They should also bring a change of footwear for in school. Class R/1 will continue to have Forest School on a Monday—they will be joined by Year 6 on the first day back after half term (**Monday, 30th October**) for a special "Big Friends / Little Friends" event.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Oak, Hoghton Lane



7:30pm, Tuesday 7th November

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Laps to Lapland: After half term, Mrs Latham will be in school on a Friday morning as we go on a mission to run—or walk—laps of the playground in order to make it to Lapland before Christmas! Children will be taking part in the mile activity on a weekly basis. If your child runs outside of school, these distances can be added to our total. If pupils are not doing PE that day, they do not need to come in their kit, but they can bring a pair of trainers to get changed in to. Will we make it to Lapland before the Christmas break? Let's hope so!

Reminders: Your child should bring a coat to school every day. Playtimes and lunchtimes continue outside as often as we can. Can we also remind you that pupils should only bring water into school in their bottles, not juice or cordial. Earrings are not permitted; they should be replaced with clear retainers during the school day.



Sport in School: Our girls football team are the South Ribble champions after playing five matches at Withy Grove on Tuesday night. They score a total of nine goals—including two hat tricks from Halle and keeper Ruby only conceded one goal! The win puts the St Joseph's team in a good position for the league games which will take place after Christmas. On Monday, all classes in school enjoyed a yoga session with the Yogi Group. As well as focussing on breathing techniques, children were given strategies to deal with self-regulation and stressful situations.



Stanley Grange: This week's group painted their pumpkins in the workshop which had been hand carved by Ben; he then scorched them to set the paint and make them look more scary. Pupils then made a Halloween display with them in the grounds.

School absence and home time changes: If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please could you ring the office and select option 1. If there are any changes to your child's home time arrangements for example, a different person is collecting them, please speak to Mrs Cox, either in person or by leaving a message on option 2, so that it can be passed to the adult who is dismissing the class that day.

Tapestry: If you have a child in Reception, you should have received an email asking you to activate your account on Tapestry. Thanks to those parents who have already set their account up. Miss Ollerton will be using Tapestry to share with you some of the learning that takes place day to day in class.

P.E. Days: After half term, P.E. will take place on the following days:

Monday Class 4/5
 Wednesday Class 6
 Thursday All classes
 Friday Class R/1 & Class 2/3



Vision Screening: Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme. Every child in Reception will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school. A letter will be sent home with your child nearer to the time. Screening will take place at St Joseph's on **Friday, 10th November at 1pm**

You will be sent an "opt-out" form—unless you return this to school your child will have their vision checked.



Don't Miss Out!
 Our next open morning will take place on;
Tuesday, 31st October
 from 9.30am to 11am
www.stjosephsbrindle.com

Last inspections:
 "Outstanding" R.E.
 & "Good" Ofsted



As a Catholic school we welcome families of all faiths, as well as those with none. We recognise that it is our similarities and not our differences that unite us together.



We look forward to welcoming you to St Joseph's.
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 or email: secretary@st-josephs-hoghton.lancs.sch.uk
 Visit our website: www.stjosephsbrindle.com



Holy Communion: Parents of pupils in Year 4 who are wanting to make their first Holy Communion at St Joseph's, should have received a letter. If you would like your child to take part in these lessons, please return the slip to school no later than Thursday, 2nd November. If you have not received a letter, please speak to Mrs Cox.



Are you a rock star?: After half term we will be launching Times Tables Rockstars. Times tables are an integral part of Maths, throughout the entirety of primary and secondary school. TTRockstars allows children to practise their times tables in an enjoyable and engaging way.

Logins will be available to all children after half term.



Individual Liberty

We can choose whether to care for and protect the places and things that are special to ourselves or others. It is important to remember our actions have consequences.



Picture News
 How can we remember things that were important to us?

Cool Milk: You will be receiving a link via School Spider to enable your child to have a drink of milk every day in school starting after half term. However, you must first register your child. If your child is under 5, you have until 5pm on Tuesday, 24th October to register as there is no charge. For pupils over 5, you register and pay by 2pm on that day.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC THAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

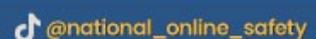
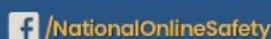
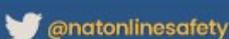
Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

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School and Academy places September 2024

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2023.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport

Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk

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31 OCTOBER 2023**

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