

Term 1 4th September 2019 - 25th October 2019

ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

The first half-term of this year really did fly by and culminated in another very successful and enjoyable Citizens of the World Week. This year we were exploring different aspects of civilisations and the children had the opportunity to learn about Africa, China, European folktales and the ancient myth of Pandora's box. The work that we have begun here will continue into the new half-term as all phases continue to explore the concept of 'Civilisation' in their daily lessons. This is part of our re-structure of our curriculum and we are excited about the challenge and deeper learning that the children should experience through this.

We were pleased to see so many of you at the Parents' Evening meetings just before the half-term holiday and hope that you found these useful. Thank you to those who participated in the survey about reading in school. All the responses were interesting and many very helpful in terms of giving us ideas about how we can continue to develop reading in school. Please continue to support your children's progress in school by reading with and to them on a daily basis and we hope to see more of you at our monthly Book Café. Simply stay for an extra half-hour, have a cup of tea and a biscuit and enjoy a book with your children at the end of the day before heading home.

Please keep your eyes open for information coming to you about PTA activities and fund-raising. Our annual Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 13th December after school and we will be making requests for donations as well as offers of help to set everything up. It is never too late to get involved so do please speak to either Fran Jenkins or Mrs Rayner and let them have your details if you feel that you might have a little more time to spare in the next couple of months.

Thank you for your continued support of St Joseph's School.

Best wishes,

Clare Smith

Dates for the Diary

November

Monday 4th—Start of Term 2

Thursday 14th—Children Singing for Children

Thursday 21st —Year 2 Multiskills

December

Tuesday 10th—Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 11th at 9.30—EYFS Nativity

Thursday 12th at 10.45—EYFS Nativity

Friday 13th at 3.00—Christmas Fayre

Monday 16th at 1.30—KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 17th at 6.30— KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 18th at 2.15—Service of Readings and Carols

Thursday 19th at 1.00—end of Term 2

January

Tuesday 7th—Start of Term 3

Our virtues this term:

attentive and discerning.

We believe that, if we nurture attentiveness in our pupils, they will practise discernment, make good decisions in their lives and accept responsibility for their actions;



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. But there are government guidelines for schools and nurseries that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. More information here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

Please remember that if your child is absent from school for any reason, the school must be informed by 8.55am by telephone, email or in person every morning they are absent.



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance for Term 1

96.17%

Number of lates 57

Reception	95.26%
Year 1	95.04%
Year 2	97.60%
Year 3	94.90%
Year 4	96.50%
Year 5	97.44%
Year 6	96.46%

Forest School



This term half of the children have had the opportunity to attend Forest School with Mr. Pemble and Ms. Vale. As you can see they had a great time and learned new skills. Next term the other half of the class will get their turn, but we do need parental consent. On Forest School days the children MUST bring in wellington boots, hats, scarves and gloves or they will not go. They leave promptly so it will be not be possible to ring home or to rush around borrowing missing items. Taking responsibility for having the right kit is one of the many important lessons to be learned at Forest School.

Citizens of the World Week

The theme this year was civilisations. The children had the opportunity to learn about Africa, China, European folktales and the ancient myth of Pandora's box.

