



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023-24 #3 20TH OCTOBER 2023

St. Joseph's is a joyful community which follows the example of Jesus, helping, accepting and respecting everyone, as we learn and grow together, safe in His love.



Stay and Pray

Year 3 (10th Oct) & Year 2 (17th Oct) attended ST Joseph's Church for 'Stay & Pray'. After half term, Year 1 will attend on 7th November.

Please remember that all parents are always welcome to attend morning Mass in the parish.

HOLY ROSARY MONTH

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have joined the classes for a decade of the Rosary over the last couple of weeks. We will be organising a rota for May 2024.



Online Author Event

Year 3

On Wednesday 18th October, Year 3 took part in a live Author event, all the way from New Zealand, with the author John Phillips. We looked at the story 'Bad hair day' and the learnt the song, which was the inspiration for the book. We also had a live draw along session with the illustrator Jennifer Jamison. Please ask to see our chickens! Copies of the book can be purchased from H & H Spalding Books via the following order link. <https://spaldingbooks.square.site/>
NB: The school does not benefit from book sales.



Attendance Matters



Group	% Attendance
4B	98.6%
4A	98.2%
5M	98.2%
6S	98.0%
3T	98.0%
6B	97.7%
5C	97.3%
2P	97.2%
2F	97.0%
1CD	96.0%
1N	94.5%
3R	94.2%

WELL DONE 4B FOR ACHIEVING THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS TERM!

HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

At assembly today, 6 lucky winners were drawn at random to receive a prize.

Whenever your child attends a full week in school, their name goes onto a lottery ticket and it goes into the pot for a chance to win. Anyone who has been in school every day since September has been given 7 tickets for the draw today. And the lucky winners (each winning a £10 Roomes Voucher) were:

Charlie	1N	Emma	2F	King	4B
Lidia	1N	Libby	4B	Ebube	6S

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Cycle Training

Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023

Children's Improver Group Cycle Training

These sessions focus on the basics of bike handling and control, building up valuable skills that help the trainee to be confident in controlling their bike in an off the road environment.

Children's On-Road Group Cycle Training

Children's on-road Bikeability cycle training for age 9 years and over. Classes consist of three afternoons of training.

Trainees will build on their existing knowledge by learning more advanced cycling techniques and road skills. This may include riding in traffic, negotiating junctions, and understanding more complex road scenarios. The aim is to get trainees more comfortable and confident in real-world road conditions.

Follow this link for more information - <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/havering/>

We wanted to **congratulate** and recognise the wonderful achievement of Lily G (5M), Olive E (5C), Alfie B (4B) and Elsie G (1N) who took part in the RBC Race for the Kids for GOSH this past weekend.

The children completed the 5k course in Hyde Park in under 1 hour, and have raised just over £2,000 for the charity. I've included our link below which gives and insight into the why the race was so important to the children and our families.

They all really enjoyed the day and taking part in such a heart-warming event, and will be bringing their medals into school to show at assembly.



A big **THANK YOU** to
Aquinas Education

<https://aquinaseducation.com/>

for sponsoring the attendance prizes. They have previously sponsored our football kit and we look forward to continuing to work closely with them in the future.

As part of the celebrations for Black History Month, Year 2 have been learning about important figures that have had an impact on the Black community. We learned about how Floella Benjamin came to live in England, and how life was for her when she arrived. We learned about Ruby Bridges who was the first Black child to go to an all-White school in the USA. We have found out about how Marcus Rashford worked with the Government to make sure that children have enough food to eat even if their school is closed.



Sports News

We held a **trial for children in year 5 & 6** to compete for a place in the Stubber's Cross Country event which took place on Thursday 12th October. There were 27 teams competing in the event and despite the awful weather the children did incredibly well, with the Year 5&6 Girls team coming in 4th overall and the Year 5&6 Boys finishing in 10th. A special mention to Darcy in 5C for coming 4th out of 100 runners.

Well done to all who trialled and competed at the event.

Year 2 Football Festival Novak Hill

Boys and girls from year 2 took part in a football festival at Noak Hill this week. The children had a great time playing against local schools. The standard of the teams at the competition was extremely high but our team pushed on and played their best. As always, what stood out was the teamwork and sportsmanship shown by our pupils to each other and the other teams. A big thank you to Mrs Treweek for helping on the day.

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Harvest THANK YOU!

Together for our Harvest Festival, we collected a total of 620kg of groceries to help families in our local area. The Food bank were bowled over by the generosity of our St. Joseph's families- **it was the largest donation from any school in the area this Harvest season!**

Thank you for everyone who donated and for those who helped organise and transport the food.



PFA Dates

Thank you to everyone who attended the PFA AGM in the Parish Centre last night. Dates have been set for some of the future events.

Please note the following arrangements:

(date tbc) Christmas Secret Shopper

Saturday 9th December 2023 –

Christmas Bazaar

w/b 4th March 2024 – Mother's Day Secret Shopper

w/b 10th June 2024 – Father's Day Secret Shopper

Saturday 29th June 2024 – Summer Fair



Lord, open my eyes.

Let me see those around me who need my compassion.

Help me to listen to them, to hear their needs. Give me the heart to be interested in their troubles and show me the ways I can help. Help me to set a good example for those around me so that we can all work together to make the world a kinder, more caring place. We ask this through Christ our Lord

Amen

Social Committee of the Club - parental socials

Please see previous ParentMail for details

Friday 3rd November	Infant Dads
Friday 10th November	Infant Mums
Friday 17th November	Junior Dads
Friday 24th November	Junior Mums

Term Dates

All remaining non-pupil INSET days are as follows:

Friday 1st December 2023

Friday 16th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 1st July 2024