# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Neekly Newsletter Friday 29th November 2024

# Baubles

Our Christmas tree is going up in the hall next week and I would like to start a new St. Joseph's tradition. I'm asking children from each class to bring in a bauble to decorate our tree. They will be able to see their own bauble every year and will be leaving a little part of them for future generations to see.

# Times Table Rockstars/Numbots

If your child has access to a computer or tablet at home, then please encourage them to log onto Times Tables Rockstars (Key Stage 2) or Numbots (Key Stage 1) to practice their maths skills. We have seen real progress in those children who access these apps at home. Ask your child's teacher for their login details.

# Velcome back, Mrs Dodd!



I'm thrilled to announce the return of Mrs Dodd on Monday 2nd December. She is returning after her maternity leave, so we are letting her settle back in gently. Please give her a friendly smile when you see her :-)

# Upcoming...

Thursday 5th December -Non-uniform in return for bottles (full)

Thursday 12th December -Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children..

Tuesday 10th December -Key Stage 1 at the Panto

Thursday 12th December -Key Stage 2 at the Panto

Friday 13th December -Christmas Fair in the Hall from 3.30pm- 5.00pm.

# Weekly Award Winners

This Week's V.I.P.s

Reception: Aiva Year 1: David Year 2: Kian Year 3: Shaun Year 4: Autumn Year 5: Poppy Year 6: James

JIP

**Star of the week** 

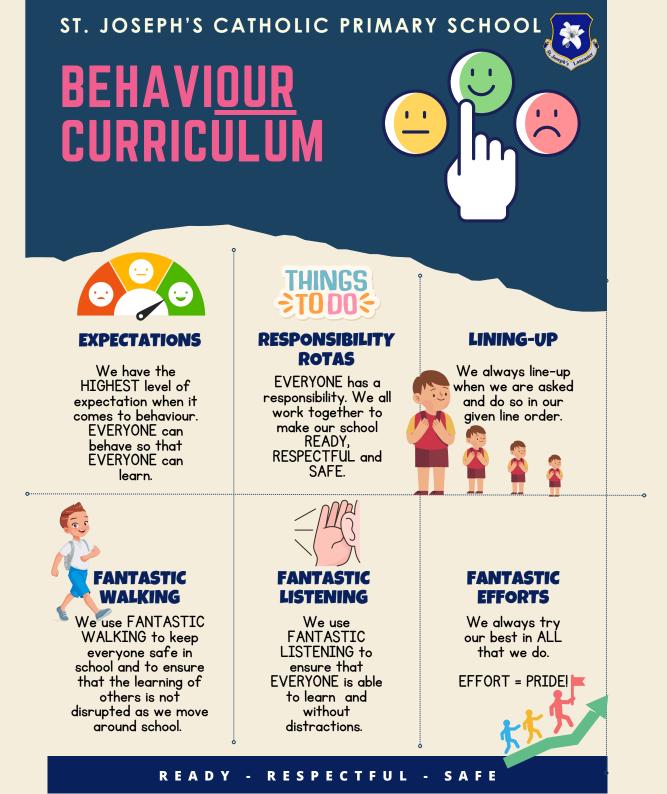
Reception: Shaun Year 1: Ilana Year 2: Everlyn Year 3: Charlie Year 4: Ava Year 5: Evie Year 6: Bailee Super Scientist

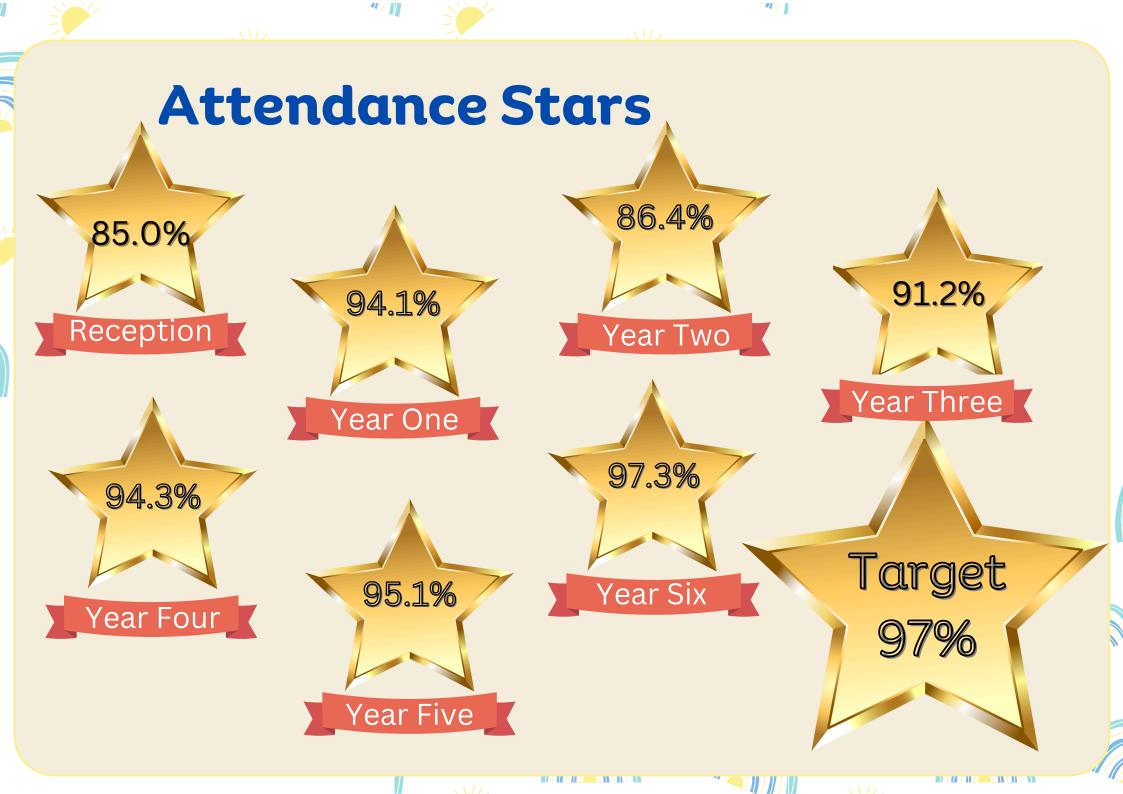
Reception: Year 1: Mary-Jayne Year 2: Elsie-Mai Year 3: Rueben Year 4: Isabella Year 5: Lacey Year 6: Derick

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Weekly Recognitions

Miss G's Staff V.I.P. Mrs. Clough





### Attendance Roadmap

In line with the DfE Statutory Guidance (in force from 19th August 2024) we offer a supportive, stepped, attendance approach. We will offer a welcoming ethos with high expectations for all. We will assess data to identify absence trends & use preventative discussions/meetings with families to listen, understand & support to remove barriers. Where needed, we will formalise support to nurture improvement with Attendance Contracts & as a last resort we will consider intensifying support &/or enforce legal sanctions.

> Did you know, arriving after the register has closed (30 mins from

#### STEP 1 - Identify, Assess & Prevent

Our daily actions & processes aim to promote relationship building with children & families to prevent absence. This involves monitoring data trends & absence patterns to inform our conversations with you (& your child where age allows). The trigger for conversations is where absence is at risk of reaching the new National Threshold (10 sessions (10 half days/5 days) within a 10 week rolling period). Other daily actions involve promoting attendance positively, using praise & incentives, swift absence follow up, email &/or letter communication to raise your awareness of emerging concerns, processing requested or unrequested 'Term Time Exceptional Absence' & doing Home Visits to meet our safeguarding duties as required.

#### **STEP 2 - Early Absence Support**

We move to this step if the National Threshold for absence is met (authorised or unauthorised) to prevent further absence occurring. Discussions & meetings will be offered to identify if early support or reasonable adjustments are needed. This will be done using discussions &/or meetings to create a supportive of improvement to prevent further action plan. An Early Help Assessment (EHA) may be required for some support to be accessed (TAF) Meeting Process

## STEP 3 - Formalised

CONTRACT

#### **Support**

Did you

know, 90%

attendance

4 weeks of

a year?

absence ove

Where absence continues & initial support needs to be increased an Attendance Contract (AC) will be offered to formalise support. This is a 3-6 month nurturing plan escalation. Achievable & individual targets will be set & reviewed regularly. Medical &/or other information will be actively sought at along with a Team Around the Family this point if required to work collaboratively with you & other agencies. An AC can run alongside other meetings e.g., TAF meeting.

#### STEP 4 - Warnings -**Concerns Remain**

Did you know, good attendance increases academic success?

Where STEP 2 or STEP 3 support has been unsuccessful &/or declined, a 'Formal Warning' if AC has failed, or a 'Notice to Improve' Letter if no AC appropriate, will be issued to reinforce the need for immediate improvement. A Family Court Order such as an Education Supervision Order will also be considered as an alternative to prosecution.

#### **STEP 5 - Legal Action** - No Improvement

Legal action (Penalty Notice or Prosecution) MAY be requested from the Local Authority (LA) if Unauthorised Term Time Absence is taken, or if overall absence continues to occur & reaches or exceeds the National Threshold for absence, despite STEPS 1-4 being attempted. Statutory Guidance States a Referral to Children's Social Care for children with 'Severe Absence' (less than 50%) should be considered to obtain 'Intense Support'

#### **PENALTY NOTICES & LEGAL ACTION**

1st Offence (after 19th August 2024) of Term Time Leave &/or Irregular Attendance (10 sessions of Unauthorised Absence or more) = Fine of £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. If paid within 21 days fine is reduced to £80 per parent, per child. **2nd Offence** within 3 years (from 19th August 2024) = Fine of £160 per parent, per child payable within 28 days, no reduction available.

3rd Offence within 3 years (from 19th August 2024) NO PENALTY NOTICE considered. The case will be presented to Magistrates' Court under s444(1) or (1a) of the Education Act. If found quilty, a fine of up to £2500 per parent, per child can be issued. Convictions for s444(1a) offences will show on DBS record

Please talk to us about how we can support you &/or your child at any time.

# The Tommie-Lee Team Spirit Award

Toby (Y1) for being a good friend.



# KS2

All of Year 6 for working together to get the weekly attendance award!

# Family Challenge!

Name 3 topics covered by Year 6 in Geography?



You can look on our website or ask your child for help! Send your answer to Miss Griffiths on Class Dojo. Good luck!

# Family's who answered correctly are...

Hill Family

Kostka Family

**Nigrone Family** 

Woods Family

Roby Family Payne Family Humphreys

**Corless Family** 

Humphreys Family Zych Family These families will be entered into our termly raffle for a bumper family hamper!

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bookbag/school bag/coat pockets. They may have been awarded a special award!

will be delighted with child's progress today.