

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025



Triple P Course

We are so pleased to be running the Triple P course from school starting on 3rd March. This course supports parents and carers with child behaviour problems, setting specific goals, managing behaviour and planning for high-risk situations. It's a brilliant course and the advice is given by professionals. Please message Mrs Willetts if you are interested.



Remember to check your child's pupil planner



Welcome

We are welcoming more children and their parents/carers to our school family which is absolutely wonderful! Thank you to all of our families for being so supportive and helping other families to settle in.

WELCOME



Holy Communion

If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion and they are in Year 3 and above, you can send Miss Griffiths a message on Class Dojo and the relevant forms will be sent home.



Weekly Award Winners



This Week's V.I.P.s

Star of the week

Super Scientist

Reception: Rosaleigh

Year 1: Leon

Year 2: Brianna

Year 3: Ocean

Year 4: Lacey-Mae

Year 5: Evie

Year 6: Daria

Reception: Freddie

Year 1: Ilana

Year 2: Elsie-Mai

Year 3: Georgiana

Year 4: Valentina

Year 5: Nia

Year 6: Julia

Reception:

Year 1: Noel

Year 2: Riley

Year 3: Jacob

Year 4: Mario

Year 5: Eric

Year 6: Robyn



Weekly Recognitions

110

Miss G's Staff V.I.P.

Miss Leslie





BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM



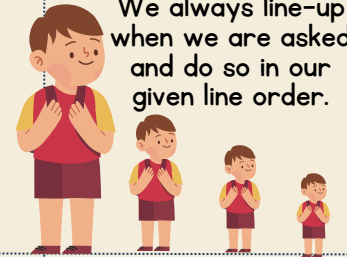
EXPECTATIONS

We have the **HIGHEST** level of expectation when it comes to behaviour. **EVERYONE** can behave so that **EVERYONE** can learn.



RESPONSIBILITY ROTAS

EVERYONE has a responsibility. We all work together to make our school **READY, RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE**.



LINING-UP

We always line-up when we are asked and do so in our given line order.



FANTASTIC WALKING

We use **FANTASTIC WALKING** to keep everyone safe in school and to ensure that the learning of others is not disrupted as we move around school.



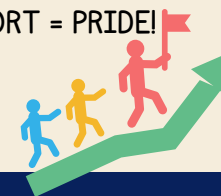
FANTASTIC LISTENING

We use **FANTASTIC LISTENING** to ensure that **EVERYONE** is able to learn and without distractions.

FANTASTIC EFFORTS

We always try our best in **ALL** that we do.

EFFORT = PRIDE!



Attendance Stars

79.8%

Reception

90.1%

Year One

90.2%

Year Two

89.4%

Year Three

89.9%

Year Four

92.7%

Year Six

95.9%

Year Five

Target

97%

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 school starting) = an absence?



Did you know, 90% attendance = approx. 95 missed lessons/hours of learning?

Roadmap by Sharon Templeman

Did you know, 90% attendance = 4 weeks of absence over a year?



Did you know, good attendance increases academic success?

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 action plan. An Early Help Assessment (EHA) may be required for some support to be accessed along with a Team Around the Family (TAF) Meeting Process

STEP 3 - Formalised Support

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 of improvement to prevent further escalation. Achievable & individual targets will be set & reviewed regularly. Medical &/or other information will be actively sought at 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

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 guilty, 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



EYFS/KS1

**Navara (Y1) for helping
children in Reception
during dinnertime.**



KS2

**Darren (Yr6) for being
an absolute HERO and
gathering everyone's
Stars and V.I.Ps!**



Family Challenge!

Can you name the PSHE scheme we use here at St. Joseph's?



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 last week's question correctly are...

Humphreys

Corless

Roby

Zych

Nigrone

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



LOOK OUT!!!

Check your child's bookbag/school bag/coat pockets. They may have been awarded a special award!

