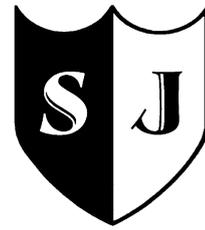


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**January 2019**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new year with the children ready to learn.

## **Catholic pupil profile**

Our new virtues for this half term are eloquent and truthful.

**Eloquent:** the ability to speak or write fluently, persuasively and appropriately. We are eloquent when we use language to express our ideas or opinions clearly and with conviction. When we choose our words, we should do so carefully so they are kind and compassionate, and don't hurt others. Eloquence isn't limited to speaking and writing. We can express ourselves in other ways like music, drama, painting or dance. We should use our creative gifts to say things in a way that is interesting, truthful, memorable and faithful.

**Truthful:** God wants us to be truthful in all we do. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life', so being honest and truthful means we are following in his footsteps and living life the way God wants us to. Being truthful is being faithful to our self and to Jesus. We should stand up for the truth.

Parents of children receiving certificates will be notified by text message and invited to attend the Friday celebration assembly.

## **Wednesday word**

Each child in KS2 will receive a copy of the Wednesday word which is a reflection on Sunday's gospel reading. Please take the time to share this with your child.

## **Confirmation mass**

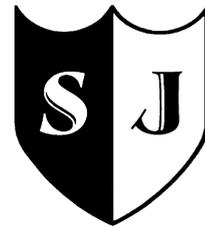
Children in Year 5 and 6 who are baptised Catholics are to receive the sacrament of Confirmation by His grace the Archbishop Bernard Longley on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 9am at St Joseph's church.

A meeting to clarify the format of the mass will be arranged shortly.

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## **Masses**

Each KS2 class attend church for Mass on a Tuesday morning on a rota basis. Parents and carers are very welcome to support their children. We will also have whole school masses in the hall for years 1 to 6 every 5<sup>th</sup> week. This rota will be on the website.

## **Need to see a member of staff**

If parents need to see a member of staff please arrange an appointment at the end of the day. If you need to speak to a senior member of staff then please contact the school office. We have an open door policy to encourage communication between home and school. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **Safeguarding**

The designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Hinton and the deputy lead is Mrs Waller.

The NSPCC will be in school to present an assembly with both KS1 and KS2 on keeping safe.

An assembly for KS2 has been organised in the coming weeks, to explain internet safety this is provided by Google.

Please remind your child about keeping safe online.

## **Lunch Boxes and Snacks**

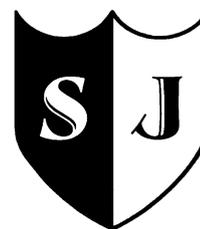
Lunch Box Content: At St Joseph's School we try to promote healthy eating, especially at lunchtimes. If you go onto the website 'Change 4 Life' you will get many ideas for healthy lunchboxes:

<https://change4life.service.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

This is a fun site with lots of simple tips and ideas you can even get the children involved.

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## **Attendance (01.09.18 to 18.01.19)**

As a school we have a high focus on attendance and again this year we will be supported by the local authority. Holidays during term time will not be authorised.

Thank you for supporting the school in improving attendance, which is having a clear impact.

**Attendance Period: 03/09/2018 to 17/01/2019**

**cope: Reg Group NAM+NPM+REC+YR1+YR2+YR3+YR4+YR5+YR6**

**Percentage of Sessions**

Group	Present s	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
NAM	91.4	0.0	6.3	2.0	100.0	91.4
NPM	55.9	0.0	0.0	4.9	100.0	55.9
REC	95.3	0.0	4.1	0.6	100.0	95.3
YR1	93.5	0.0	3.9	2.6	100.0	93.5
YR2	94.7	0.0	3.8	1.4	100.0	94.7
YR3	96.1	0.0	1.5	2.4	100.0	96.1
YR4	96.7	0.0	2.2	1.1	100.0	96.7
YR5	96.1	0.1	2.4	1.3	100.0	96.2
YR6	95.7	0.6	2.2	1.5	100.0	96.2
Totals	95.1	0.1	3.0	1.6	100.0	95.2

## **Medication**

Please ensure that if your child has a diagnosis of asthma then they will need an inhaler in school. If your child requires medication to be administered then a medical form will need to be completed. In order to support your child, it is vital that school is informed about any medical needs your child may have.

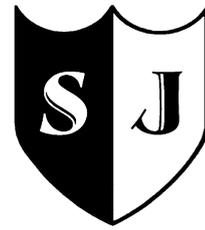
## **Homework club**

Children who wish to attend homework club can do so on a Tuesday after school. Members of staff will be available to guide and support. This club finishes at 4:15pm. Your child needs to bring the homework that needs to be completed please.

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## **Curriculum**

Additional funding has ensured that a pianist is now working in school on a Thursday morning. This ensures that each class now receives a music lesson each week, as well as hymn practice for KS1 and KS2. The children really enjoy the music sessions from Mr Dean and Miss Ridley from Rockit music.

## **Welcome**

We welcome a new member of the teaching staff. Mr Cope will be working in Years 4/5/and 6.

Many thanks for your continued support.

## **God bless**

Mrs Hinton

**Head Teacher**