



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



'St. Joseph's...
...where minds blossom
and love grows!'

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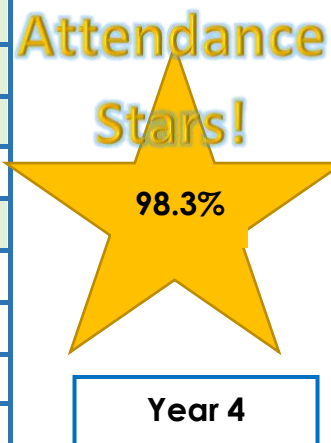
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<p>School News!</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our new football nets and basketball hoop have been installed on the Key Stage 2 playground this week. The children are LOVING using them. • This morning, our Reception class joined the whole school for our Friday Celebration Assembly. They were incredibly well-behaved and grown-up. • Thank you to all of you who donated cakes, biscuits or money in support of our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. We really do have the BEST school family! • Please can you routinely check your child's hair for headlice? We have had a couple of cases reported to us this week.
	<p>An exceptionally kind parent and parishioner has volunteered to start our very own stay and play group for 0-3-year olds! Mrs Laura Gatti and the St. Joseph's School Family would like to welcome parents and their little ones to attend our 'St. Joe's First Steps' group every Friday from 10am – 11.15am in the school hall. For a very reasonable price of £1, you will enjoy a brew, biscuits/cake and an opportunity to share baby/toddler advice.</p> <p>If you have any toys or books that you would like to donate to our group, then please drop them off at the main office – Thank you!</p>
<p>Dates for your Diary</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 10th November – Reception to Year 6 flu vaccinations for those who have given consent. • Wednesday 24th November – School photos for Nursery to Year 6. • Friday 26th November – School CLOSED for 1 day. • Monday 29th November – School re-opens • Friday 17th December – School closes for Christmas • Tuesday 4th January – School Re-opens

A HUGE well done to our brilliant V.I.P's and Stars of the Week

Class	V.I.P.	Star of the Week	Super Scientist
Nursery	Leia	Kent	
Reception	Curtis	Jacob	
Year 1	Aaliyah	Marnie	Shaun-Henry
Year 2	Julia	Stephanie	
Year 3	Sam	Alexa	Julia
Year 4	Ellie	Sofia	Shay
Year 5	Joshua	Kaiden	Nicole
Year 6	Kyle	Caitlyn	Kaleb



Dear Parent and Carers,

The Governors would like to welcome all new parents, carers, pupils and teachers who have joined the St. Joseph's school family this September.

We know that your children will be happy and are in the care of a kind 'child-centred' staff.

The staff are working very hard to ensure a good quality education is being given throughout the school.

The school is at a very exciting point in its history as it is now a member of the first Multi Academy Trust in the Lancaster Diocese - The Mater Christi Trust. This trust is a family of Catholic schools supporting one another.

We hope that now we are part of a trust, Ofsted will be able to move the school out of special measures. We knew that this was not likely to be possible until the school was a member of a trust.

Money has been invested to implement a new phonics programme and all staff are being trained to deliver this programme.

The Governors are very confident that Miss Griffiths as the new, permanent Headteacher, together with the staff, will move St. Joseph's forward.

I can assure you all that this is already happening.

Now that the Covid restrictions have been lifted this is now possible.

3 governors are visiting Key Stage One weekly to hear pupils read.

The Governing Body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. The school will inform you shortly of the election process.

I ask you to really think about nominating yourself or a friend. The local governing body needs someone who has one or more of the following skills and experience-

Marketing.

Working in a team.

Working in the community- e.g., as a carer or serving in a shop, health care or social services.

The most important attribute is being prepared to attend meetings either by 'Zoom' or attend meetings in person and to give time to the work of the Governing Body. There are 4 scheduled meetings per term.

I am very happy to discuss any queries or questions about the role of governance. Please ask the office to contact me and I will arrange a meeting.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Calnan.", is positioned below the closing. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end. It is set against a light beige rectangular background that has a subtle, slightly irregular texture, resembling a piece of paper or a digital brushstroke effect.

Mrs. M Calnan
Chair of Governors