



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

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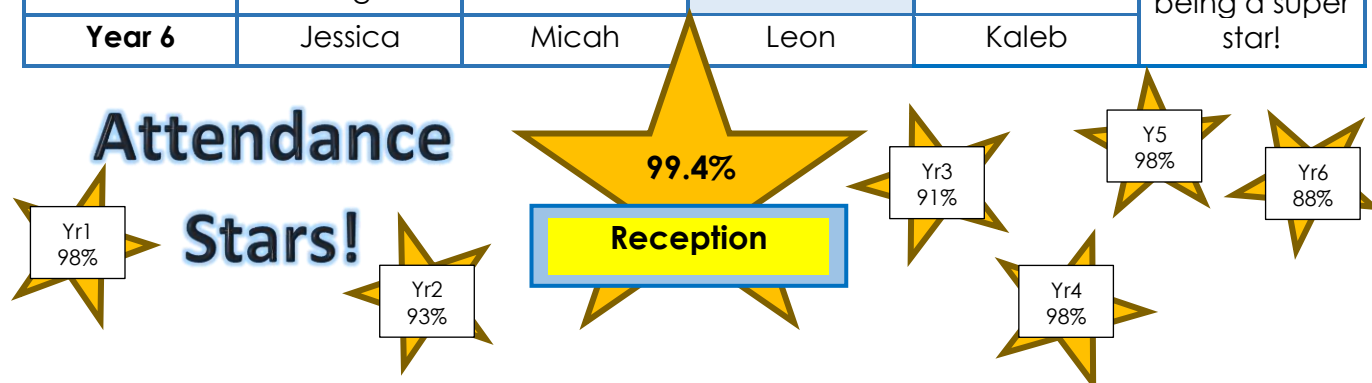
Friday 25th February 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Book Day – On Thursday 3rd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Mrs Tipper has added information about the day on Class Dojo. It should be plenty of fun with games, activities and prizes!• Recognition Rewards – We are very lucky at St. Joseph's to have the most wonderful children! When your child displays one of our 3 foundation rules of READY – RESPECTFUL- SAFE, their name will be added to the class Recognition Board. If they get on the board three times in a week, they will receive a special certificate and a raffle ticket. Each half term there will be a prize draw for Amazon gift vouchers. At the end of the year ALL raffle tickets will go into a MEGA draw for a HUGE prize such as a bike, tablet or other super prizes chosen by our School Council.• Covid-19 – Please see the attached letter (at the end of this Newsletter) outlining the Department for Education's plans for 'Living with Covid'.• Clubs – We have had a great response for our lunchtime and after-school clubs. It's brilliant to see our children enjoying extra-curricular activities.
<p>Parish and Community</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsor a book – Our amazing parish have so far raised just over £500 for new library books. Our school is so thankful and cannot wait to buy new and exciting books for our new library!• First Holy Communion – We have had an amazing response from parents who are wanting their child to make their First Holy Communion this year! Thank you to all who have contributed and to Mrs Garnock-Jones for organising.

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	Lunchtime Stars	Miss G's Staff V.I.P
Nursery	Mary-Jayne	Bella	Max		This week my staff V.I.P is Mrs Lee . Mrs Lee never stops working incredibly hard for our school. Thank you for being a super star!
Reception	Mason	Jacob	Patcie-Ann	Georgiana	
Year 1	Tommy	Thomas	Marshall	Valentina	
Year 2	Harley	Jayden	Katie	Harley/ Ryan	
Year 3	Savannah	Alex	Hayden	Julia	
Year 4	Shay	Toby	Kieron	Charmaine	
Year 5	Paige	John		Frida	
Year 6	Jessica	Micah	Leon	Kaleb	

Attendance Stars!



School News

DATE: Friday 25th February

By Kyle (Head Boy) and Iya (Head Girl)

Class	Weekly News Update
Nursery	After their tireless work on learning all about numbers, they have been revising the numbers 1, 2 and 3, to strengthen their knowledge and memory. Nursery have also been digging up dinosaur fossils, making an egg nest, crafting herbivore food bowls and making dinosaur footprints!
Reception	Reception have started Spring 2 by practising writing sentences and started a new science topic called 'Growing.' They have been busy researching the question, 'where do carrot seeds come from?' As always, Reception have been trying really, really hard with their phonics work.
Year One	Year 1 have started a new novel called 'Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. In RE, they have been learning all about the Last Supper in preparation for Lent and Easter time. PE sees Year 1 learning to dance; we hope they get a good final performance out of it.
Year Two	Leaping in to Spring 2 Year 2 have started their new Geography topic on 'Jamaica.' In English, they have been writing instructions based on the delicious fruity fruit kebabs.
Year Three	Year 3 have made a fantastic start on their phonics – recognising sounds and blending them to read lots of wonderful vocabulary. They have done some excellent work on Romulus and Remus; a story from the Ancient Roman times. In maths, they have been doing some fantastic work on adding and subtracting money values.
Year Four	The start of Spring 2, sees Year 4 starting the novel 'Krinklekrax' by Philip Ridley. Just like Year 3, they have been adding and subtracting money but in multistep problems. In Science, they have been learning all about the digestive system, or as Mrs Butcher calls it 'chew to poo'... this got a few giggles!
Year Five	In RE Year 5 have been making their Lenten promises in preparation for Lent. They have been looking at angles in maths, measuring and calculating reflex angles. Science is a new topic researching in to all living things and their habitats.
Year Six	In Year 6, the new English topic is based on the music video 'Titanium' – the song is very much in our heads. The writing will be a prequel to the video. In Maths, Year 6 have done amazing with scaling up and down, proportion and ratio. A fab job done. A special mention about our superbly behaved children in church. The teachers, Father and the Parishioners all commented on how fantastic they were – Very proud.

A note from our Head Boy and Head Girl... A huge welcome back after the week off everyone – here's to another fun filled half term with World Book Day, Science Week and much more learning to come.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure that you would have seen yesterday's announcement regarding the changes to the self-isolation guidelines. It is wonderful that after two long years, we are edging towards life without Covid restrictions, although as a community we must be mindful that this doesn't lead to different responses in those around us.

The DfE wrote to schools sharing information which I am sharing with you. The bold text comes directly from the DfE email.

Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

From Thursday 24th February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In addition, the Government will:

No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.

You will see that the advice is for people who have Covid to remain at home for at least 5 full days and then follow the guidance until they have received two negative lateral flows.

Although these are now guidelines rather than legal requirements, we hope that parents will choose to adhere to these guidelines. This will help to ensure that our staff remain covid-free and therefore able to continue to provide high quality education to your children.

A few weeks ago we asked parents to continue to wear masks when they were on school grounds in order to help reduce the risk of transmission. As I mentioned earlier, members of the school community feel differently about the changes in restrictions so if you feel able to do so, it would be appreciated if parents would continue to wear masks.

Many thanks for your continued support with this matter.



Miss R Griffiths
Headteacher