

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

Ready Respectful Safe




It's World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and we love to celebrate all things **READING!** We are asking children to come to school in their pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers for a day of storytelling, hot chocolate and fun!



Attendance

I have taken on the role of Attendance Lead and will be contacting families this week regarding their child's attendance percentage. The government expects children to be in school for **at least 96%** of the school year. For those children whose attendance falls below 91%, I will be sending home information on how attendance needs to improve in addition to a weekly Dojo message updating parents/carers on their child's weekly attendance. I have attached the summary of how each day at school counts in order for your child to be successful. If school can help in any way, then please get in touch with me. May I also politely remind all parents/carers, that registers open at 8.55am and close at 9.10am. Anyone arriving after that time will be classed as late or unauthorised.



I'm delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Dodd's baby! Mr and Mrs Dodd are now the very proud parents of a beautiful baby boy called Xander. We are all so pleased for them all and can't wait to meet Xander. 



Weekly Award Winners



This Week's V.I.P.s

Reception: Leon
Year 1: Lacey-Ann
Year 2: Stevie
Year 3: Faith
Year 4: Poppy
Year 5: Kelsey
Year 6: Tianna



This Week's Stars of the Week



Reception: George-Thomas
Year 1: Everlyn
Year 2: Daryl
Year 3: Sebastian
Year 4: Sofia
Year 5: Darren
Year 6: Stephen

Super Scientist

Reception:
Year 1: Riley
Year 2: Mason
Year 3: Thomas
Year 4: Seval
Year 5:
Year 6: Sawen



Weekly Recognitions

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Miss G's Staff V.I.P.

Mr. Canning

Attendance Stars

91.8%

Reception

81.8%

Year One

83.7%

Year Two

93.0%

Year Three

90.5%

Year Four

70.9%

Year Six

82.3%

Year Five

Target

96%

Mater Christi Trust and St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Attendance Overview

Percentage Attendance	Category of Attendance	Actual Attendance	Learning Days lost per year	Learning hours lost per year
100%	Outstanding	190 days	0	0
99%	Very Good. Best chance of success.	188 days	2	10
98%		186 days	4	20
97%		184 days	6	30
96%	Good, although room for improvement.	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
95%		180.5 days	9.5	47.5
94%	Needs to improve	178.6 days	11.4	57
93%		176.7 days	13.3	66.5
92%		174.8 days	15.2	76
91%	Poor There is less chance of success and makes it harder for your child to achieve.	173	17	85
90%		171 days	19	95
89%		169 days	21	105
88%		167 days	25	115
87%		165 days	27	125
86%	Very Poor Attendance is a serious concern and there will be a huge impact on your child's learning.	161.5 days	28.5	135
85%		161.5 days	28.5	142.5
80%		152 days	38	190

Every Day Matters' – please give your child the very best life chances by sending your child to school EVERY DAY

Mater Christi Attendance Strategy

Stage 1 - Expect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL families to be sent a termly attendance letter and attendance certificate.
Stage 2 – Monitor When attendance falls below 91%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal letter sent home with attendance certificate informing parent/carer of current attendance percentage and next steps.
Stage 3-Listen and Understand When attendance falls below 80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal letter sent home with Individual Attendance Plan for parents/carers to agree and sign.
Stage 4-Facilitate Support When attendance falls below 70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal letter from the Multi Academy Trust sent home inviting parents/carers into school for attendance meeting with headteacher. Early Help Assessment advised and referral made to Child and Family Wellbeing Service.
Stage 5-Formalise Support/Enforce Possible Penalty Notice or Prosecution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If no improvement or engagement after Stage 4, school will refer to the Local Authority for possible legal interventions.

*The trigger for legal intervention is 10 sessions (the equivalent of 5 days) of unauthorised absence in a term, or 14 sessions (the equivalent of 7 days) of unauthorised absence across 2 consecutive terms (LCC 2024)

* For cases meeting the 14-session trigger, due to constraints in court evidential periods, absences should be aggregated across two consecutive terms – e.g. Autumn half-term 2 and Spring half-term 1.

Legal interventions for school non-attendance include:

Penalty notice

Parents may be issued with a penalty notice as an alternative to prosecution. If they pay the fine, they can discharge liability for the offence of failing to ensure their child's regular attendance at school.

Prosecution

Parents may be prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court and receive a fine, a community order or be imprisoned.

Parenting Order

If a parent is convicted for failing to ensure their child's regular attendance at school, a Parenting Order may also be applied for. This may require them to attend parenting classes and may specify other relevant directions for the parent.

Education Supervision Order

An application for an Education Supervision Order may be made, which appoints a local authority supervisor for the family and requires the parent and/or child to follow their directions.

Star Readers

Well done to these children who have completed Booktalks this week.

Victoria Yr.4

Shaya-Leigh Yr.6

Sofia Yr.4

Evie Yr.4

Tianna Yr.6

Grace Yr.4

Aisha Yr.6

Charmaine Yr.6

Angel Yr.6



Team Spirit Award

I never used to take a lunch break, but now look forward to my time sat at the window with a cup of tea watching our children play so beautifully. I've been so impressed by their team spirit, that I thought it should be rewarded, therefore, I will be selecting a child/children each week who had displayed the St. Joseph's Team Spirit and giving them a shout out.

This week I'm giving a St. Joe's Shout Out to...



Alexa in Year 5 for inspiring others to dance.

Miya in Year 2 for helping others and taking care of the little ones during playtime.

Family Challenge!

**Name 4 Science Units
that are covered
between Reception
and Year 6?**



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

Last Week's Correct Answers

**Reception - No Response
Year 1 - No Response
Year 2 - Nigrone Family
Year 3 - Brown Family
Year 4 - No Response
Year 5 - Hill Family
Year 6 - Flint Family**



**These families will
be entered into our
half-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!



Our wonderful Church is hosting a musical evening next Friday. Take a look and we will hopefully see you there!

St Joseph's Church, Slyne Road Lancaster

2024

The Journey in His Presence Musical Evening

Part. 1

Friday 8th March 7pm

**Tickets Available
now!**

From St Joseph's Church or
at the door on the night for a
minimum donation of £5

Money received will go
towards the charitable
work of Our Lady's Catholic
College, Uganda Project



Join us on this journey of the late Fr Luigi Giussani
founder of the **Communion & Liberation Movement**
for an evening of musical celebration & reflection
with new scenes from the ground breaking series,
The Chosen,

Followed by refreshments



Photo of Caiaphas' house, where Our Lord was imprisoned the night before appearing in front of Pilate