

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024



## Goodbye, Mrs Escolme

This morning we said a fond farewell to Mrs. Escolme who has dedicated 32 years to the St. Joseph's school family. We have been truly blessed to have her work here for so long. She is so loved and will be greatly missed. Have a wonderful retirement, Mrs. Escolme.

**Goodbye**

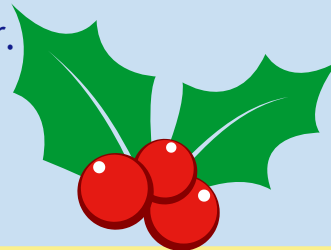


Remember to check your child's pupil planner



## Merry Christmas to you all!

On behalf of myself and all of the staff here at St. Joseph's, I would like to wish you all a very merry and restful Christmas. It has been an exceptionally long term, but the children have made us proud. Thank you for all of your continued support since September and we will look forward to seeing everyone safe and sound in the New Year.



## Upcoming...

**Monday 6th January** -School re-opens for the Spring term.



# Weekly Award Winners



## This Week's V.I.P.s



## Star of the week

Reception: David  
Year 1: Noel  
Year 2: Miya  
Year 3: Madelyn  
Year 4: Leo D  
Year 5:  
Year 6: Tommy



Reception: Whole Class  
Year 1: Morgan  
Year 2: Dolce  
Year 3: Erma  
Year 4: Valentina  
Year 5: Bradley  
Year 6: Daria

## Super Scientist

Reception:  
Year 1:  
Year 2:  
Year 3:  
Year 4:  
Year 5: Bradley  
Year 6:



## Weekly Recognitions

147

## Miss G's Staff V.I.P.

Mrs. Escolme





# 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

88.3%

Reception

89.7%

Year One

85.6%

Year Two

95.8%

Year Three

93.4%

Year Four

93.0%

Year Six

93.5%

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?



## 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.



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

## 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

Roadmap by Sharon Templeman

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



## 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.

Please talk to us about how we can support you &/or your child at any time.



## 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.

Did you know, good attendance increases academic success?



## 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.

# The Tommie-Lee Team Spirit Award



**EYFS/KS1**

**The whole of EYFS/Key  
Stage 1 for wonderful  
behaviour during  
lunchtimes.**



**KS2**

**All of Key Stage 2 for a  
marvellous Christmas  
Carol concert.**





# Family Challenge!



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 correctly are...**

The winning family this term is...

**The Humphreys!**

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!

