

WITH GOD IN OUR HEARTS,  
WE LOVE AND LEARN

## St. Joseph's Newsletter

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It has been an absolute pleasure to see the children return to school this week after the Christmas break. They have shared lots of stories about their holiday and clearly loved spending time with their loved ones during the break.

Your children have returned to school with fantastic attitudes to learning and we really are proud of the way they have started the new term.

This term we will be sharing the virtues Compassionate and Loving. Pupils will be growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their actions and forgiving words. As a school we will help pupils grow by modelling the virtues compassionate and loving in the way they are treated especially if a pupil has made the wrong decision with their words or actions.

We look forward to seeing all of their achievements this term!

Thank you as always for your support!

### **Moments matter, Attendance counts (From government attendance toolkit)**

The link between attendance and attainment is clear: In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders. And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance: More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years. But attendance is important for more than just attainment: Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Please do all that you can to keep your children in school it really does make a difference.

### **Uniform**

As we start the new year can we please make sure children arrive at school with the appropriate uniform and resources ready to start the school day.

The uniform policy can be found here: <https://www.st-josephs-rugeley.org.uk/our-school/school-uniform>

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Wednesday 31 January  
Friday 2 February  
Wednesday 7 February

Thursday 8 February  
Friday 9 February

Monday 19 February  
Friday 8 March  
Friday 15 March  
Tuesday 19 March  
Thursday 21 March  
Friday 22 March  
Friday 22 March  
Monday 8 April  
Wednesday 10 April  
Tuesday 30 April  
Monday 6 May  
Saturday 11 May  
Monday 13 May  
Friday 17 May

Wednesday 22 May  
Thursday 23 May  
Friday 24 May  
Monday 3 June

### **Future Events**

Y3 trip to Erasmus Darwin House  
Father Hudson's Assembly

### **Valentine Disco:**

N and Reception during school day  
Y1-6 School Hall 5-6pm £2 on Parent Pay

No Mass

Y4 Trampoline day at CGCC

Break up for Half term

Return to School

World Book Day

Chance to Shine Cricket Day

Y4 Dodgeball @ CGCC

10am Stations of the Cross in School

CGCC Swimming Gala @ RLC

Break up for Easter

Return to school

Parents' Appointment Day

CGCC Cross Country Tournament

Bank Holiday - School Closed

First Holy Communion 11am @ Church

SATS Week - Y6

Y4 trip Harry Potter Studios

Y6 trip to Cinebowl

Academy Photographs Groups and Leavers

Break up for Half term

INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

Return to School

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Please follow our new Facebook page (St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Rugeley) for school events and celebrations of our childrens' achievements.