



ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

15th September 2023

Attendance - week ending 08.09.23

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| NUR-J | 93.2 |
| NUR-K-R | 89.7 |
| RK | 94.0 |
| RP | 93.3 |
| Y1S | 88.3 |
| Y1T | 91.7 |
| Y2D | 89.5 |
| Y2K | 92.1 |
| Y3GM | 97.6 |
| Y3T | 90.3 |
| Y4J | 88.7 |
| Y4S | 93.5 |
| Y5A | 89.9 |
| Y5F | 89.8 |
| Y6B | 93.5 |
| Y6S | 94.8 |

Winning Class was Year 3GM.
Fantastic keep it up!

Key dates

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| 16.09.23 | School choir to sing at Jubilee Mass for Canon Benedict - Cathedral | 10:45 |
| 25.09.23 | Adult Learning Wales – English classes for parents/carers | 09:30 and 13:30 |
| 26.09.23 | Year 5 to visit Big Pit | 09:00 – 15:00 |
| 28.09.23 | Year 2 to Carew Castle | 09:00 – 15:00 |
| 29.09.23 | Y6B Class Assembly – KS2 Hall | 8:50 |
| 29.09.23 | Year 6 visit to Oxwich Bay | 09:30 – 15:00 |

A huge thank you to the children who have volunteered to sing at the Jubilee Mass for Canon Benedict on Saturday. We are looking forward to joining with Canon Benedict and the Parish on this very special occasion

Uniform

The children have come to school smartly dressed in their uniform. Please be aware all shoes should be black, and leggings are not permitted as part of the uniform. School skirts or trousers should only be black. We are keen to make sure our standards in school uniform remain high. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 should now be wearing shirt and tie to school. Ties are available to purchase in the school office. Thank you for your support with this.

Parent Welcome Meetings

Thank you to all parents who came along to our information meetings this week. We hope you found it useful. Do remember, we have an open-door policy and will always do our best to meet with you as soon as possible.

The next open evening where you can discuss progress and targets with teachers will be on 18th and 19th October 2023.

Diaries

Your child will use their home/school diaries every day. Please ensure all sections are completed particularly the allergies and photographic permissions section.

Adult Learning Wales – English Classes for parents

Are you keen to improve your own English skills? Would you like to be able to support your child with their learning at home? We have tutors from adult learning Wales who can support you with English as an Additional Language classes here in St Joseph's. There will be an introductory meeting on Monday 25th September at 9:30am and 1:30pm in school. All Welcome.

PTFA News – Parent and teacher association

There will be a PTFA meeting on 18th September at 3:30pm in the nursery classroom. All welcome.

On Friday 29th September there will be a coffee morning in aid of McMillan cancer support, from 9:00am in the learning pod. Come and join us for a coffee, cake and a chat.

First Holy Communion 2024 - Holy Cross Parish

Sacramental preparation for children in Years 3-6 will commence at Holy Cross in September. If your child is aged 7 to 11 and you would like them to join this year's group there will be a meeting for parents after the 10am Mass on Sunday 17th of September.

God bless,
Fr.Cyril

Attendance Policy

Swansea Local Authority have published a new attendance policy. The policy sets out the Swansea Council's commitment to ensure high levels of learner engagement and attendance, working towards an excellent education for all, by making sure no child is left behind.

I am most frequently asked about the policy with regards to holidays in term time. Please see policy guidance below. The full policy is available on the school website.

Holidays in term time and extended overseas trips

Parents must apply in advance to take trips overseas or otherwise in term time. Requests should be considered individually, and schools can invite parents to discuss any such proposals. Schools can only agree to absence for a family holiday or trip if they believe there are special circumstances that warrant it.

If a school agrees absence and the pupil goes on holiday or trip for 10 days or less, absence is authorised. A school can only agree to absence of more than 10 school days in a school year if they believe there are exceptional circumstances. If a school does not agree absence and the pupil goes on the holiday or trip, the absence will be unauthorised. If parents keep a child away for longer than was agreed, any extra time is also recorded as unauthorised. If the school considers that there are exceptional circumstances why the pupil should be granted approval for an overseas trip of more than 10 days, the approval can be given and the absence would be authorised, at the discretion of the Head teacher.

Many thanks,
Angela Heald
Head Teacher