



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



## NEWSLETTER: 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023



### **Dear Families**

We are fast approaching the end of another busy half term. School finishes on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

In Nursery, this week, we have had a visit from 'Rockpool School'. Nicola brought a selection of sea creatures that you may find in a rock pool and told the children all about them. They listened to the story 'Sharing a Shell', made rock pools of their own on paper plates and were even brave enough to hold some of the creatures!



### **An update from our School Council**

Thank you, to our families for kindly donating books for our recent book sale. We raised £114.00. With the money, we decided to buy new books for each class. As school council representatives, we split the money fairly and gave each class some to spend. We talked about the books we thought our classes will enjoy. Some of the books are sequels to those we have in our class library. We really enjoyed using our maths skills to stick to a budget (not easy, however, with so many great books to read). We are excited for the delivery and a fresh batch of books.

### **Extra-Curricular Activity – After School Clubs**

Information on extra-curricular activity after school clubs from week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> June will be sent out next week.

As well as these clubs we also have a Wrap Around Care club which is open to all children at a cost of £5.50 per night. If you wish your child to attend Wrap Around care, this must be booked and paid for via ParentPay.

### **Menu Changes**

The school meals menu is changing from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. A copy of the menu is available on our website <https://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/parents/school-meals/>. If your child requires a school meal, regardless of whether you pay, this must be booked on ParentPay.

Information regarding arrangements for children starting St Joseph's nursery or Reception class in September 2023 will be sent out next week.

## **Parent Voice – Catholic Life**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our parent voice regarding the Catholic life of our school. We received 74 responses. We have taken on board your comments and suggested areas for improvement.

We are reviewing how we report about the progress of your child in Religious Education and hope to make this clearer.

With regards to the prayer life of school, we have, as you know, now organised Class Masses for each year group. Father Damian is happy to make this a 'stop-start' Mass so that children and parents can ask questions about what is happening and why. We have also organised class liturgies for the summer term and extend a warm invitation to all.

Thank you for your comments:






- *"She absolutely loves learning about Religious Education, I believe her work has been shown this week and we are so proud of her."*
- *"My child really enjoys learning about religion."*
- *"Catholic life, RE and prayer are paramount at St. Joseph's and as a parent I am very happy about the standards reached."*
- *"Brilliant school."*
- *"I love the history of prayers and that the children listen/read them the same way our ancestors did."*
- *"My child has just started in nursery and it's regularly shared what he does in RE which is awesome."*
- *"It is amazing."*
- *"This school is by far the most supportive and interactive school I've experienced in the area and my child has never had any issues with bullying etc which is a huge relief."*

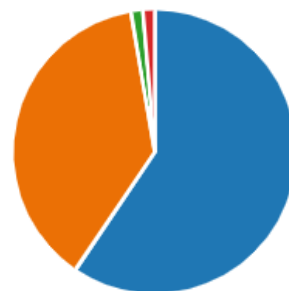
Please find below the results of this survey.

### 1. My child is happy at this school

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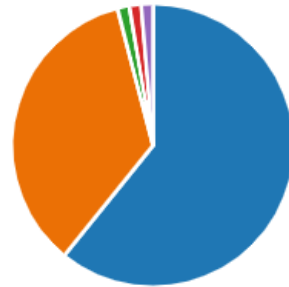
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 Agree	28
 Disagree	1
 Strongly disagree	1
 Don't know	0



## 2. My child feels safe at this school

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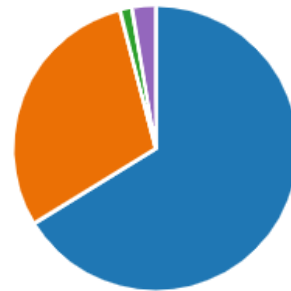
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<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Agree	26
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Disagree	1
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Strongly disagree	1
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Don't know	1



## 3. This school enables my child to behave respectfully

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<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Strongly agree	49
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Agree	22
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Disagree	1
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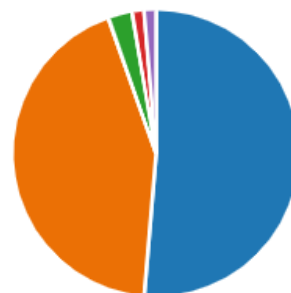


## 4. This school is a supportive and joyful community

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 Insights

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Strongly agree	38
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Agree	32
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Disagree	2
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Strongly disagree	1
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Don't know	1

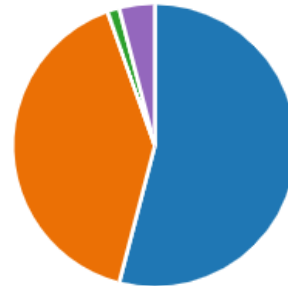


### 5. Staff at this school are positive role models for my child

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Strongly agree	40
Agree	30
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	3



### 6. The school works well with the local parish (es)

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Strongly agree	43
Disagree	5
Agree	18
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	8



### 7. I understand the school's Catholic mission and I am supportive of it

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Strongly agree	44
Agree	26
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	4

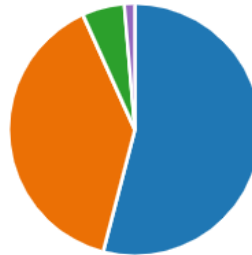


8. The school supports me in my role as the first educator of my child (As a parent you are the first teacher of your child)

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 Insights






 Strongly agree	40
 Agree	29
 Disagree	4
 Strongly disagree	0
 Don't know	1



9. My child enjoys learning in Religious Education lessons

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 Insights






 Strongly agree	37
 Agree	31
 Disagree	3
 Strongly disagree	1
 Don't know	2



10. I know how well my child is doing in Religious Education and how to improve

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 Insights






 Strongly agree	22
 Agree	21
 Disagree	12
 Strongly disagree	0
 Don't know	19

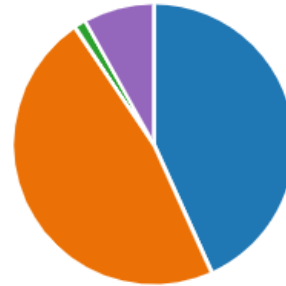


## 11. The school supports my child's spiritual and moral development

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 Insights






 Strongly agree	32
 Agree	35
 Disagree	1
 Strongly disagree	0
 Don't know	6



## 12. I am invited to be involved in the prayer life of school

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 Insights

 Very frequently	21
 Frequently	30
 Sometimes	15
 Not very often	5
 Never	3



The Wear Rivers Trust will be hosting a Fun and Food event at Craghead Village Hall on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, we will have a Roman theme and look forward to welcoming children. Parents are welcome to remain with children.

<https://wear-rivers-trust.org.uk/fun-food>

Any new uniform orders are now showing the school badge. We think it looks great.

School Uniform order cut-off date for back to school is  
Midnight on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023



### Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate for week ending 5<sup>th</sup> May:



Nursery	Cora	For showing great enthusiasm when joining in with our activities!
Reception	Jacob	For super concentration when using his amazing imagination in the junk modelling area.
Year 1	Aria	For beautiful presentation in her writing. Keep it up Aria!
Year 2	Bradley	For being a helpful, kind friend to his peers.
Year 3	Cobey	For trying hard with his reading and having a great attitude in class.
Year 4	Ryan	For trying very hard with his times tables.
Year 5	Oliver P	For trying very hard with his times tables.
Year 6	Leon	For some fantastic descriptive writing this week.



As you know, attendance is hugely important and we report attendance on a weekly/ monthly/ termly basis. We monitor attendance/lateness very closely in school and will raise any concerns with parents/carers on an individual basis. If you have any concerns with regards to your child's attendance/lateness, please contact us as soon as possible so we can work together to resolve any issues.

**This week's attendance is 93.6% Our target is 97%**

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.15%	98.5%	87.2%	98.5%	94.6%	94.8%	96.1%	85.7%

# what we do at St. Stephen's Community Centre

Open 9am - 1pm except Saturdays  
Community support available for everyone

- ✓ Hot meals
- ✓ Community table
- ✓ Messy play
- ✓ Adults courses
- ✓ Kids club
- ✓ Craft group

Plus much more, including meal delivery service.

Dog friendly  
cafe

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