



NEWSLETTER 9: November

Remembrance Liturgy

Year 6 pupils led us in a very moving and reverent Remembrance Liturgy on Thursday 11th November. The whole school also took part in two minutes silence at 11am to remember those who have died in Military conflict.



Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



- Nursery - Ruby for showing great enthusiasm for all our activities and always doing her best!
- Reception - Azan for being so positive about everything to do with school life! Amazing!
- Year 1 - Rio for being a really good friend and actively searching for ways to help others.
- Year 2 - Arthur Oliver for excellent addition and subtraction in Maths
- Year 3 - Tate for his excellent perseverance when swimming. You are doing so well!
- Year 4 - Liam for always doing the right thing and being a good role model.
- Year 5 - Ava for being able to analyse a piece of poetry with a high level of maturity. Well done!
- Year 6 - Alex for reading so brilliantly this week



Attendance

This week's attendance is:

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
98.3%	93.7%	94.5%	96.5%	95.0%	93.2%	96.4%	97.5%	95.5%



House Points

We have re-introduced the House Points system in school. Children can earn house points from all staff during the week. The house points for this week are:

St Aidan - 1035

St Oswald - 1040

St Cuthbert - 1071

St Bede - 998

Well done to everyone

Pen Licence

The following pupils received their pen licenses this week for their handwriting:

Year 5: Riley

Year 6: Lewis & Fearne



Additional Measures in school

There has been an increase in the number of children and young people in County Durham testing positive for COVID-19. We are receiving ongoing advice from the Local Authority, Public Health Team and Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust. We are continually monitoring the situation and will keep parents/carers informed about any additional measures that we may have to put in place.

Friends of St Joseph's Meeting

Thank you to everyone who returned the reply slip with regard to a Friends of St Joseph's meeting. A reminder that if you would like to find out more about becoming a "Friend of St Joseph's" meetings will take place on Wednesday 17th November at 9.00 am and 5.00 pm.

Coming to one of the meeting doesn't sign you up to anything, it's just so we can give you all a little more information and gather your thoughts, ideas and feedback.



Children In NEED - 19th November

On Friday 19th November children can come to school in a Pudsey Bear outfit, anything spotty or any Children in Need accessories. Donations for Children in Need can be paid via ParentPay.



Protecting Children Against Influenza (flu) and Complications

A reminder that if you would like your child to receive the Flu immunisation in school, please ensure your consent has been submitted by 19th November.

To give your consent for this please follow the steps below:

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **114245** and click "Find School".
3. **Complete the form** with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the green "Submit" button.



Anti-Bullying Week 15th - 19th November

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week, taking place from 15th to 19th of November 2021. Children are encouraged to wear "odd socks" to school on Monday 15th November.



Parents attending Swimming Lessons

As you know children go to the Louisa Centre for swimming lessons as part of the PE curriculum. To allow children to concentrate on the lesson and for their health and safety in and around the pool, please can we ask any parent who is watching not to try and attract your child's attention as this may distract the children. Thank you for your support.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal

29 Shoe boxes have been brought into school and will be sent off to Operation Christmas Child. Thank you very much for your support. The gifts bring so much joy to needy children who are homeless, live in orphanages or are without family support.



Pact House Christmas 2021 Toy Appeal

As a school, we are supporting the Pact House Christmas Toy appeal this year. If you would like to support this appeal they are looking for new unwrapped presents for children of all ages. Toys, books, games, stationary, toiletries, gift sets, sweets & treats can be brought into school and we will deliver them to Pact House. Donations can be sent into school from Monday 15th November until Friday 10th December.



Christmas Lunch/Festive Jumper Day - Wednesday 8th December

If your child would like to have their Christmas Lunch in school on Wednesday 8th December can you please book this on ParentPay by Wednesday 24th November. Unfortunately, we are unable to change the current menu and would be obliged if parents/carers could book the following:



If your child would like the **Traditional Roast Chicken** can you please book the Roast Pork Loin dinner.

If your child would like the **Vegetarian Option** (Vegetable Crown) can you please book the Pasta Bolognese.

Children can wear a Christmas/Festive jumper on that day (no uniform required) and donations can be made via ParentPay.



St Joseph's RC Primary School

Wednesday 8th December

Menu

Traditional Roast Chicken
Sausage Bite and Stuffing Balls
Roast and Creamed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Gravy

Vegetarian Option

Vegetable Crown

Dessert

Christmas Dessert Selection

