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Newsletter no. 15

10th January 2025

Upcoming events

Monday 13th January
 Y4 swimming begins (until 17th February)

Tuesday 14th January
 Y1 Cheerleading at Urban Factory 10.00am-12.00pm

Wednesday 15th January
 Y5 Wednesday Mass 10.00am

KS2 Panathlon challenge at Temple Park (selected pupils) 10.15am-12.15pm

Thursday 16th January
 Y3 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am
 'Life Skills Group' Assembly 2.30pm

Friday 17th January
 Y4 Healthy Minds Decider Skills (until 17th February)

Y2 We Eat Elephants (until 17th February)

Monday 20th January

Tuesday 21st January
 Y4 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am

Wednesday 22nd January
 Y4 Wednesday Mass 10.00am

Y3 multi skills team challenge at Temple Park 10.00am-12.00pm

Meeting for parents of pupils attending Thurston 3.30pm

Thursday 23rd January
 Y6 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am

Friday 24th January

Ongoing clubs (from w/b 13th January)

Monday
 Girls' football lunchtime
 CAFOD club lunchtime
 Lego club 3.15-4.15pm (THIS IS NOW FULLY BOOKED)

Tuesday

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a wonderful time with your families and that Father Christmas was very good to you all!

A warm welcome to the new families we have starting with us this term.

Communication

We are receiving an increasing number of emails from parents, either directly to members of staff, very late at night or over weekends. We have updated our Home School Communication Policy in light of this, and this can be viewed via this [link](#). A paper copy will also be sent home with your child.

Most communication should go through the school office (either email enquiries@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk or phone 0191 5364311) unless it is an emergency or safeguarding issue. Please do not be offended if emails that are sent directly to staff are not responded to.

Parent Dates

You will receive a copy of the new dates for this term. Please can I ask that you note those that are relevant to your child? Thank you. The dates are also available on the school website [link](#)

School shoes and PE kits

We are noticing an increasing number of pupils wearing shoes, trainers or boots that are not in line with our school uniform policy [link](#). A reminder that our policy states that pupils must wear **'Black sensible shoes (plain black trainers without stripes are allowed)'**

Also, more and more pupils are wearing a range of clothing for PE. Again, a reminder that our policy states that the PE kit is **black plimsolls, red t-shirt and blue shorts**. We do allow dark, unbranded leggings or joggers at the moment as the weather is cold. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit on their allocated days – plimsolls can be kept in their school bag if needed, or a PE kit can be kept in school. Unfortunately, pupils will not actively take part in PE lessons if they do not have the correct PE kit, and we will contact parents to ask that they ensure their child has the appropriate clothing. Consistency in school uniform is important for a number of reasons including fostering a sense of community and reduced distractions relating to clothing choice.

Open Mornings

Our Spring Open Mornings will take place on the following dates this term:

Thursday 16th January	Year 3	Tuesday 21st January	Year 4
Thursday 23rd January	Year 6	Tuesday 28th January	Year 5
Thursday 30th January	Year 2	Friday 31st January	Year 1
Thursday 20th February	Reception 'Stay & Play'	Thursday 13th March	Nursery 'Stay & Play'

Parent Curriculum Booklets

Our Spring term booklets have been shared today. Please can you look through them with your child so that you are both aware of what is being taught this term? Thanks

Lateness

Open the Book club lunchtime
 School Council lunchtime
 Maths club lunchtime
 Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday
 Rosary club 8.30am
 Guitar club lunchtime
 Laudato Si club lunchtime
 MFL club lunchtime
Thursday
 Choir lunchtime
 Happy Tapping club lunchtime
 Football team training 3.15-4.15pm

We have an increasing number of parents bringing their children in after 9.00am. Please can I ask that pupils are on time for school. Not only is it disruptive for staff to take your child to their classrooms, it is also uncomfortable for your child to go into class late.

Clubs

All lunchtime and after school clubs will start again next week. Apologies that the pre-Christmas newsletter stated that Mindfulness Club was on after the New Year. As Mrs Arthur will be involved in Y6 SATS Boosters, this club will not start again until the Summer term. Y6 parents will be contacted next week with more information regarding SAT booster lessons.

Themed Lunch Menu – Thursday 16th January

You will find a menu attached for a Wild West lunch themed menu for Thursday 16th January

Parish bulletin

This week's parish bulletin is available [here](#)

Take care,
 Mr P Craig
 Headteacher

This week's scripture: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The theme of the scripture: The Baptism of the Lord - How will you show the Holy Spirit working in you in this coming week?



Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:
 Mr Craig, Mrs Bertram and Mrs Gibson
 (governor)

Our SENDCO is: Mrs. Bertram and Miss
 Shaughnessy (governor)



**Whole school attendance this week is
 94.3%**

**Best class attendance is Reception
 99.52%**

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
EVENT								Parents invited?
Monday 13 th January		Y4 swimming begins (until 17 th February)						
Tuesday 14 th January		Y1 Cheerleading at Urban Factory 10.00am-12.00pm						
Wednesday 15 th January		Y5 Wednesday Mass 10.00am						☺
		KS2 Panathlon challenge at Temple Park (selected pupils) 10.15am-12.15pm						
Thursday 16 th January		Y3 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am						☺
		'Life Skills Group' Assembly 2.30pm						☺
Friday 17 th January		Y4 Healthy Minds Decider Skills (until 17 th February)						

	Y2 We Eat Elephants (until 17th February)	
Tuesday 21 st January	Y4 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am	☺
Wednesday 22 nd January	Y4 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
	Y3 multi skills team challenge at Temple Park 10.00am-12.00pm	
	Meeting for parents of pupils attending Thurston 3.30pm	☺
Thursday 23 rd January	Y6 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am	☺
Tuesday 28 th January	Y5 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am	☺
	Reception Mega sports superhero festival at Temple Park 10.00am-12.00pm	
Wednesday 29 th January	Y3 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
Thursday 30 th January	Y2 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am	☺
Friday 31 st January	Y1 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am	☺
Monday 3 rd -Friday 7 th January	Children's Mental Health Week	
Tuesday 4 th February	School Photographer in	
Wednesday 5 th February	Y2 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
	South Tyneside Swimming Gala 12.30-3.30pm	
Wednesday 12 th February	Y1 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
Monday 17 th February	South Tyneside Primary FA football cup 10.00am-3.00pm	
Tuesday 18 th February	Y1 & Y2 Key Steps Gymnastics 9.30am-12.30pm	
Wednesday 19 th February	Reception Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
Thursday 20 th February	Reception 'Stay & Play' 9.00-10.00am	☺
	KS2 Boccia sessions at Temple Park 10.00am-2.00pm	
Friday 21 st February	EYFS/KS1 Gold Book Assembly 9.00am	☺
	End of Half Term	

Half term Monday 24th February – Friday 28th February

Monday 3 rd March	Pupils return to school	
	Y3 swimming begins (until 7th April)	
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Mass in church 10.00am	☺
	First Holy Communion session for pupils 3.30-4.30pm	
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	
Friday 7 th March	Girls' Biggest Football Day!	
	Reception Feeling sessions (until 30th March)	
	Y1 Everyone Worries sessions (until 30th March)	
Monday 10 th March	KS2 Inclusive Bowling 10.15am-12.15pm	
Tuesday 11 th March	Parents' Evening A 3.30-6.00pm	☺
Wednesday 12 th March	Nursery Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
Thursday 13 th March	Nursery Stay & Play 9.00-10.00am and 2.15-3.15pm	☺
Monday 17 th -Friday 21 st March	Y5/6 Thurston week	
Wednesday 19 th March	Y6 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
	Y2 All Stars Cricket at Temple Park 1.00-3.00pm	
Monday 24 th -Friday 28 th March	Multi Faith Week	
Monday 24 th March	Parent's Evening B 3.30-6.00pm	☺
Wednesday 26 th March	Y5 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
	First Holy Communion pupil session 3.30-4.30pm	
Tuesday 1 st April	Reception Gymnastics session 10.00am-12.00pm	
	Football team match 3.30pm	☺
Wednesday 2 nd April	Y4 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
Friday 4 th April	Y5 'The Three Trees' production 9.00am	☺
Tuesday 8 th April	Football team match 3.30pm	☺
Wednesday 9 th April	Y3 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
Thursday 10 th April	Stations of the Cross service in church 9.15am	☺

	Girls' football pool B 12.30pm	
Friday 11th April	KS2 Gold Book Assembly 9.00am	😊
	End of term (early finish at 1.00pm)	

Pupils return to school on Monday 28th April 2025