



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Truth, Love, Compassion

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A prayer for the twenty-fourth Sunday of the year

**Turn back to me and I will reach out and save you,
because you are my children whom I love.**

Attendance

As you know, sending your child to school every day is very important for their learning. Keeping them off school unnecessarily means that they miss chunks of teaching, and having to play catch-up puts your child in a difficult position, both academically and emotionally. Even more damaging is an absence at the beginning of the school year, when new friends are made, routines are explained and settling in activities are carried out. If your child misses the first few days of school, for the sake of a cheap holiday, they will be on the back foot from start.

Regrettably, we have had quite a lot of parents who have chosen to do this, and our attendance figures have never been so low. For the first time in five years, we have failed to make it over 90% attendance for the first week back, which is very worrying.

Added to this, we have already received requests for leave of absence from parents for the forthcoming weeks, after having had a six week summer holiday. Please be aware that holidays taken in term time are not regarded as exceptional circumstances and will not be authorised by school. All parents who choose to take their children out of school for term time holidays will be referred to the Local Authority, who may pose a fine.

Please put your child's education, welfare and future prospects first.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

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National Film Festival

To celebrate this year's National Film Festival week, we have arranged to take our children in Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 to The Junction on Tuesday 19th November to watch 'Peter Rabbit'. There is no charge for this exciting event, just an afternoon of fun and laughter!



British Heart Foundation

The town of Goole houses a number of charity shops, and recently we were contacted by the British Heart Foundation, which runs a busy town centre shop that relies entirely on donated stock and volunteer workers. Each year, the shop welcomes new volunteers whose children have recently started school. The volunteers like the flexibility of this type of work, where they can choose their own hours, and they also donate their children's summer clothes. With this in mind, the manager of the shop has asked if we could promote this opportunity to all parents on our newsletter.

The funds raised by the shop help to fund life-saving research and save lives in and around Goole.



In light of this request, we have decided to donate our stock of school uniform to the British Heart Foundation. We have been running our uniform shop for two years now, and although we have received many generous donations, we are finding that very few parents are using it to buy items back. We are therefore overwhelmed with school uniform that we are struggling to store. Our stock of uniform will be donated to the charity at the end of next week, so if you would like to take advantage of any last minute bargains, please call into school.

Mid-Day Supervisor Required

Please see the following advert for a Mid-day Supervisor. If you are interested in the post, call in to speak to Miss Sharp in the office.

To start on Monday 1st October (or as soon as possible prior to).

12.00 - 1.15pm Monday - Friday during term-time only. Scale Point Grade 1 £17,364 pro rata

You will join our team of mid-day supervisors in ensuring the safety, welfare and good behaviour of children during lunch break.

Duties include supervising children in the dining hall, playground and school premises, providing assistance to injured or distressed children, first aid recording (first aid support is available) and liaising with other staff. We are looking for someone with a positive approach to team working with a firm, patient, helpful and friendly personality along with the ability to relate to young people with a variety of needs and backgrounds. You must be committed to supporting the Catholic ethos of our school.

This post is permanent. These appointments are subject to an Enhanced DBS check.

Applications close at noon on Friday 13th September 2019.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 17th September, commencing @ 10.00am

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all employees to share this commitment.

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Get Set to Eat Fresh: REMEMBER YOUR STICKERS 😊

This September, Aldi's supermarket are supporting something called Get Set to Eat Fresh, and are giving schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. Each school that enters the competition will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

Aldi and Team GB are committed to improving the healthy eating habits of 1.2 million children by 2020.

The initiative creates free, downloadable materials for teachers and parents to support children in developing their understanding and love of fresh, healthy food.

We need your help. All you have to do is collect a special Team GB athlete sticker each time you spend over £30 at Aldi. Bring the sticker into school and as soon as we have filled up our poster with stickers, we can then enter the competition. You have until 3rd November to bring in as many stickers as possible. Happy shopping!



Macmillan Coffee Event: PLEASE JOIN US TOMORROW!

Last chance to get baking and come along...

Day ~ Friday, 13th September

Time ~ 3.00pm

Location ~ School Hall

Let's have great start to the new year... remember to make sure your child has a tie and a pair of indoor pumps for school.



Eco-Schools

Eco-Schools is an international programme of the Foundation for Environmental Education that aims to empower our children to be the change our sustainable world needs by engaging them in fun, action-orientated and socially responsible learning. We think this is a marvellous programme to engage in and will empower our children to be able to make a real difference to our increasingly fragile world. Regular updates will be shared with you in this

newsletter, as we work towards our Bronze level award.

PE update

Mrs Morrell has organised an exciting afterschool club to add to our collection. Letters will be coming home soon...

It's called 'Fun to be Fit' and children will be taking part in a range of fun activities including yoga, active games and dance in the school hall.

The club will run from on Tuesday's from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and children will need to be collected from the main entrance. Please ensure children have their PE kit and a water bottle in school for the club.

The club will begin on 24th September and will run until the half term holidays.

Celebration Assembly Certificates:

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Parents are warmly invited to see the following children receive their certificates:

Headteacher Award:

FS Class: Michelle

Class 1 / 2: Evie-Jai

Class 3 / 4: Eva

Class 5 / 6: Emilia

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns over matters of this nature, please do speak to a member of staff immediately. Remember, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our children are safe.



Dates for your diary: (please note that further dates will be regularly added)

Friday 13 th September	Prevent assembly at 9am, parents welcome. School council elections will be held during the assembly. Macmillan Coffee event at 3pm – all welcome! Please note that today is Roald Dahl Day! Children can come to school dressed as a Roald Dahl book character as long as they bring in the book! This is a fun non-uniform day to celebrate the love of books!
Tuesday 17 th September	Mid-day Supervisor Interviews
Monday 23 rd September	Primary Futures event for our Year 6 children: this event will take place during the morning and will be a great opportunity for our children to think about their future aspirations.
Wednesday 25 th September	National Fitness Day: more details to follow
Thursday 26 th September	SATS information evening for parents of Year 2 children at 3.30pm in Year 2 class
Friday 27 th September	Be Bright, Be Seen assembly, for children and parents at 9am. Please come along to find out how to keep your child safe during the dark winter months.
Tuesday 1 st October	Flu vaccinations in school: more details to follow
Thursday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival: 3pm in the school hall – all welcome
Friday 4 th October	Red, White and Blue assembly at 9am to commemorate the D-Day landings. This will be a non-uniform day for a fee of £1, and children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue.

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