



St Joseph's Primary weekly update



"We grow together in God's Love as we pray, learn and play"

"Dyn ni'n tyfu gyda'n gilydd mewn cariad Duw wrth i ni weddio, dysgu a chwarae"

Week Beginning: 02/09/24

Please also see Class Dojo messages and 'My week' on our School Website

Croeso nol pawb, welcome back!

We hope you all had a restful and lovely summer with your families.

Firstly, please welcome our new members of staff, Miss Evans, Miss Haslam and Miss Davies – we look forward to working with you and hope you have a wonderful year at St Joseph's.

A massive thank you to our Parents Association who gave up their own time in the holidays to come on to our school site to improve our school grounds. They worked hard and the children did too. They had lots of fun painting, tidying and helping to make our school a better place and I must say the school looks fantastic due to their hard work! I can't wait for spring to see the bulbs they have planted come up 😊.

Just a few reminders as we start the new academic year:-

1. Clasdojo is the main point of communication (except for absence – you MUST use our designated absence line via the telephone)
2. PE Kit is to be worn on your child's designated PE day. Children are to wear a white t-shirt, navy shorts/joggers/leggings and appropriate footwear for PE lessons. Please also make sure they wear their school jumper, cardigan or hoodie
3. Labelling Items – please ensure you label all of the items your child needs for school. For example, uniform, water bottle, lunch box, bags etc
4. Healthy Snack – as we are a healthy school, please ensure your child is given either fruit or veg as their morning snack
5. Attendance - school starts promptly at 8.55am each day. The gates will be open from 8.45am, when children are able to go straight to their classroom. If you know your child is going to be late or absent, please leave a message via the school absence line. If your child is due to go to a medical appointment you MUST provide medical evidence in order for the absence to be marked correctly. Also, if you are going on holiday, an Absence Request Form MUST be completed prior to the holiday. Fixed penalty notices have now been reintroduced and therefore, regular attendance is paramount for your child's learning. Regular visits are made by our School Attendance Officer and any child who is highlighted a concern, will be given a letter to bring home. If attendance continues to be an issue, you may be invited to meet with the headteacher to discuss ways forward for improvement.
6. School Meals – every primary school pupil is now entitled to universal free school meals. It is your responsibility, as the parent/carer to book your child's lunch via Parentpay
7. Masses and Assemblies – the full Mass and Assembly timetable will shortly be on our website and you will also receive a reminder via dojo a few days prior
8. Termly Overview – a termly overview of your child's learning will shortly be on their own class page via our website

Any other information you may need about your child will be on their individual class page on our website.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Do you shop in ASDA and have the ASDA rewards app?

Could all parent please look at the latest Dojo message about the Asda app, and join up so that we can improve our school further with donations to Asda.



We need to be quick as this offer finishes on 30th November. Do you shop in ASDA and have the ASDA rewards app?

Please look for cashpot for schools on the app's homepage and sign up to help St Joseph's Primary. Every time you shop, ASDA will donate a percentage towards our school.

It's free and easy to do.

1. Make sure you have the app <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>
2. Open the cashpot for school link (has a photo of Joe Wicks)
3. Input our school postcode CF14 3BL
4. Click St Joseph's Primary, 204 North Road, Cardiff
5. Press submit.

Every time you use the app when shopping a donation will then be sent to school. Thank you so much for all your support!

Our Parent and Carer prayer group continues on a Wednesday also. We meet each Wednesday in the annex at 9.00 – 9.15. It is a really lovely way to start the day. Thank you again to all who attended this week. It is lovely to see governors, parents and staff coming together to pray this week. Each Wednesday morning just after 9.00. All are welcome. We have tea and coffee afterwards too. If you are unable to come to the parent's and carers prayer group, there is a box outside the HT office if any members of our school community would like our group to pray for any special intention. Please put your intention in the prayer box and we will pray for you. The intentions will then be folded up and put on our prayer wall in reception. Our pupil Prayer Group will also start up next week and meet each Wednesday at playtime.



On Sunday there is a special blessing for all our children at both 9.15 and 11.00 Masses. Please try to attend with your children if you can.

Melanie, from the Families Learning team, will be with us and our families of Reception, Year 1 and 2 children again this year for fun maths sessions every Thursday at 9.00 on the annex. The first session is September 19th . Please come and join us. Parents will gain a certificate and could become a CAVAC student. We will be concentrating on Data handling, Shape and Measure.

Class Prayer of the Week

This week's class prayer is from a child in Dosbarth Non Sant:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for our families,

Thank you for our world

Amen

Attendance

Attendance at St Joseph's this week is very good and we are hoping that when the rest of the children return from holidays, our attendance will continue to improve.

CLASS	W/C 02/09/24
Non Sant -Nurs AM	100%
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David Sant- Rec/Y1	96.15%
Illtyd Sant- Y1/Y2	92.31%
Teilo Sant - Y2/Y 3	93.33%
Gwynno Sant - Y3	94.83%
Cadoc Sant- Y4	90.00%
Tydfil Sant- Y5	96.67%
Dwynwen Sant - Y6	88.33%

Cymraeg Campus

Cymraeg Campus is our new welsh language charter that is taking place in schools across Wales. We have recently Gained the Bronze Award. 😊

The aim of Cymraeg Campus is to:-

- improve levels of welsh within the school
- increase pupils enjoyment of welsh
- Celebrate our nationality and all things welsh.



As part of this we have a Welsh Phrase of the week each week.

This first week's phrase is:

Bore da – Good morning

Prynhawn da – Good afternoon

Hwyl fawr – Bye

Wela ti yfory – See you tomorrow

Please practice with your child and use it whenever you can.

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

As a Catholic school, along with our faith and values, the concept behind the RRS journey is at the core of what we teach and how our children develop. RRS is all about protecting the rights of our children and their families and has supported us to highlight equality, diversity and inclusion throughout the curriculum. In our rights respecting school, children learn about their rights and the responsibilities that are implied. Our children learn that if they have rights, they need to respect the rights of others. Please talk about these rights with your children.



This Month's Right for September is: Article 29

“You have the right to be the best you can be”

Our Values and Virtues

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, we have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues to be internalised and cultivated -enabling them to grow in wholeness as fully rounded individuals in the image of God. Each half Term we explore ways in which we can develop in our virtues and values. Please discuss these virtues with your child and how they can incorporate them in to their lives. The virtues we are looking at this half term are:



“Curious and Active ”

Pupils are growing to be curious about everything : and active in their engagement in the world, changing what they can for the better

As always, check our ClassDojo for school messages and upcoming dates for activities by clicking next event > view all >on the horizon for all events. Check X (formerly Twitter) and Our Week on the school website for class photos of activities and events.

Cofion cynnes,
Enjoy the weekend,
Alex Riordan 😊

ARTICLE 28 (UN Convention of the Rights of the Child)

“You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can”

